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AMERICAN TROOPS IN SIGHT OF ROME

Allies Capture Several Places On Italian Front

LONDON, June 1: American troops have got their first glimpse of Rome from newly captured heights on the Valmontone line.

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS IN ITALY, June 1: American troops have thrown a pincer around Velletri by occupying high ground both to the north-east and north-west of the vital town of Kesselring's defence line.

ALLIES CAPTURE FROSINONE

Mediterranean Allied Force Advance Headquarters Communique said:

Allied troops continued to meet opposition from elaborately prepared positions between Valmontone and the sea but progress has been made by the Fifth Army. Troops of the Eighth Army continued to advance westward up Highway 6. They have taken the town of Frosinone and north-west through mountains they have captured the town of Sora.

Medium forces of heavy bombers attacked targets in the Ploesti area and in Turnu—Severin. In these operations 43 enemy aircraft were destroyed and 14 heavy bombers and nine other of our aircraft are missing.

Yesterday a further successful bombardment of enemy positions in the Ardea sector was carried out by a destroyer of the United States Navy. A second destroyer of the United States Navy effectively bombarded enemy strongpoints batteries and troops in the beach area".

From Reuter's special correspondent: The Fifth Army have advanced 3,000 yards to gain a foothold on the slope of the Alban hills north-west of Velletri.

Fifth Army forces consolidating their dominating positions north-west of Velletri have captured some high ground in the vicinity of Lago de Nemi. British troops took Ripi and Torrice a few miles to the south.

On the Fifth Army beachhead front Allied armour crossed into Campoleone dykes, three miles west of Lanuvio where steady pressure is being maintained. British elements are well established across the Moletta.

WHERE NAZIS WILL MAKE A STAND.

The blocking of the road north by bombs has prevented extensive German withdrawals French troops are maintaining close contact with Kesselring's troops retreating towards Valmontone and Avezzano, where it is considered the German Commander will almost certainly make a defensive stand. French gains to the north-west on Tuesday amounted to four miles. The whole of the Lepini mountain area has now been cleared of Axis troops.

WITHIN SIGHT OF NEMI LAKE.

From A. K. Qureshi, A.P.I. special correspondent with the Indian troops in Italy:—

Bypassing Velletri, Gen. Clark's troops denting the Velletri-Valmontone defences had to-day pushed forward into the Laziali mountain mass and were within sight of the Nemi Lake on the far side of which the town of Genzano lies over the Appian Way. This town is also threatened by American troops approaching it from the south-west. Lanuvia on the railroute to Rome is within a few thousand yards of the American troops from east, south and west. In the Artena sector, Gen. Clark's troops astride old Via Latna are continuing their fight for the Route 6 town of Valmontone. The pace of the German withdrawal is increasing in the mountainous sector to right of the Fifth Army main front and fresh troops are maintaining contact with the Germans falling back towards Valmontone and Avezzano. A twelve miles dash by French troops brought them from Ceccano to Monte Pilocco.

INDIAN TROOPS AT NAZI BULGE.

British and Indian troops tackling Germans in the Sora-Arce-Frosinone bulge have made further progress while New Zealand troops occupied Sora. The town of Sangiovanni, north-west of Arce was occupied by Scottish troops of an Indian Division yesterday without fight. North-west of this village Lancers had a scrap with Germans at a road junction which was strongly held. A party of Germans was killed and six taken prisoners. One anti-tank gun was knocked out and another probably destroyed. Punjabis also had a fight with a German rearguard and inflicted heavy casualties. In the village of Pontanaliri taken by the troops of an Indian Division a demolished factory was found heavily booby-trapped.

GERMAN COMMUNIQUE.

BERLIN, June 1: To-day's German Communique said: "The enemy continued yesterday his great offensive particularly against our positions on the southern slopes of the Albanc mountains and in the sector of Frosinone".

PARTISANS CAPTURE GERMAN BASE.

A Communique to-day from Marshal Tito's headquarters reports the capture by Partisan troops of the German base of Arzano in Dalmatia.

In Slovenia Partisan forces entered Sostanj near the frontier and blockaded the German garrison of 500 officers and men. The enemy attempted to sally out but was repulsed with losses".

Move To Form New Yugoslav Govt.

LONDON, June 1: King Peter of Yugoslavia has now entrusted Dr. Ivan Subasic, former Governor of Croatia, with the formation of a new Government. This is the third attempt to form a new Yugoslavia Government since the dismissal of Purich's Government which included Gen. Mihailovich. The first attempt was made by Jovanovich, who is leader of the moderate Serb opposition party. When it failed, King Peter called on another Serb politician Dr Grol.

KASTURBA MEMORIAL FUND
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TAMIL NAD'S QUOTA FOR KASTURBA FUND

COIMBATORE, May 31: At a public meeting held last evening under the presidentship of the Pattakkar of Palayamcottal District taluk and town committees were formed for the purpose of collecting funds for the Kasturba Memorial Fund.

Mr. T. S. Avinashalingam Chettiar, M. L. A. (Central), stated that out of the eight lakhs of rupees which Tamil Nad had been asked to contribute to the Fund, Coimbatore had been allotted rupees three lakhs. Mr. Chettiar said that he hoped it would be possible with the co-operation of the public to collect this sum without much difficulty.

Mr V. C Vellingiri Goundar and the Pattakkar of Palayamcottal announced a donation of Rs. 2,000 each towards the fund.—A. P.

U.S. ARMY STRENGTH

WASHINGTON June 1. The U. S. Secretary of War Mr. Henry Stimson stated at his Press Conference to-day that the U. S. Army has 3,657,000 soldiers deployed in theatres of operations throughout the world striking and preparing to strike victory winning blows by land, sea and air against Germany and Japan. This figure represented approximately 47 per cent of the total strength of the U. S. Army. By the end of 1944 the number of American troops overseas would have increased to more than five million men. The bulk of the forces now moving from the United States to combat areas was composed of ground troops prepared to use bases and take advantage of the preliminary air assaults for the final blows against the enemy. This movement was "rapidly nearing the peak."

Mr Stimson said: "The air forces with a total strength of approximately 2,357,000 had slightly less than half that number already overseas. The Army Air Force had more than 75,000 planes. The Army Air Force had 925 bases outside Continental United states exclusive of bases on United States territories. Of this total 750 were airfields.—Reuter.

THREE PRESSMEN CAPTURED IN YUGOSLAVIA

LONDON, May 31.

John Talbot, Reuter's Special Correspondent attached to Marshal Tito's Headquarters, in Yugoslavia as representative of combined British and United States Press and two photographers have been captured in Yugoslavia. Stoyan Pribichevich, the fourth member of the Press party, was also captured but is reported to have escaped. He is correspondent for the American "Time and Life" Magazines and also represents combined British and United States' press.

The names of the photographers cannot be given until their next of kin have been informed. All the four war correspondents were officially reported missing some days ago after they had penetrated an area where Germans are operating.

The facts of their capture reached London today.—Reuter.

MALWA JAIN YOUTH CONFERENCE

(From A Correspondent)

INDORE June 1.

Rai Bahadur Seth Hiralal Kasliwal, the Mayor of Indore has accepted presidentship of the Malwa Jain Youth Conference, holding its session on 12th and 13th inst.

Babu Jainendra Kumar of Delhi will inaugurate it

Shree Mishreelal Gangwal has been elected Chairman of the Reception Committee.

PESHAWAR, June 1: Partial "hartal" was observed in Peshawar today as a mark of sympathy to the late Maulana Abdur Rahim Popalzat Muftie of Sarhad, and a prominent Socialist who died last evening after about one month's illness. His funeral procession was largely attended.—A. P

U. S. CASUALTIES IN ITALY

WASHINGTON, June 1: Mr. Henry Stimson, the U. S. Secretary of War, stated at his Press Conference to-day that the Allied position in Italy is "satisfactory". Since the landing last September up to and including May 27 the compaign in Italy had cost the United States 55,150 casualties of which 9,686 were killed, 36,910 wounded and 8,550 missing.

In North Burma Mr. Stimson said the Japanese had been reinforced and the resulting pressure had forced British units to make temporary withdrawals in some areas.

DE VALERA TRIUMPHS

Fianna Fail Candidates Top Polls In All Except Four Constituencies

LONDON, June 1.

Mr. De Valera is assured of a clear majority in the Eire election, according to the latest results received here.

The Government victory has dissipated hopes of a Coalition. "The party in favour of Coalition has no faith in itself and no hope for itself", was Mr. De Valera's zero-hour declaration to a mass meeting in Dublin.

Fianna Fail candidates headed the poll in all except four constituencies, while Ministers topped the list in all except one—that of Waterford—where Mr. Little, the Minister for Posts and Telegraphs, was second to Mrs. Redmond (Fine Gael).

Gen. Mulcahy, leader of the Opposition, was elected after Dan Breen, the Fianna Fail candidate. Labour, as was expected, fared very badly. Mr. Norton, leader of the party, who topped the poll last year, was elected for Carlow (Kildare) on the final count.

With 24 seats yet to be filled, Fianna Fail holds a lead of 17 over the combined strength of the other parties, and are likely to hold this lead to the end.

The latest figures are:
Fianna Fail 65;
Fine Gael 23;
Labour 5; *National Labour* ..4;
Farmers 5 *and Independents* 11.

The Prime Minister, Mr. De Valera has been returned in the Eire election. He headed the poll in County Clare with 761 fewer votes than last year.

PROCUREMENT ORDINANCE IN OFFING

(From Our Correspondent.)

NEW DELHI, May 31.

Mr. Lapper, Controller of Stationery and Printing Madras has been appointed Controller of paper with headquarters at Calcutta. Mr. Lapper is expected to be here within a week to discuss with Messrs. Hydari and Patel the Paper Control Order which is proposed to be issued in the course of the next ten days.

The newly appointed Controller-General of procurement Mr. Parker and Controller-General of Civil Supplies Mr. Desai are also expected here during the week to give final touches to the procurement ordinance.

This ordinance is also expected to be issued within the next ten days. The main object of the ordinance is to make available to the public consumers' goods in greater quantities.

AMENDING WAR RISKS ORDINANCE

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, June 1.

The War Risks Goods Ordinance is being amended, I learn, to include within its scope the loss due to explosions of war explosives. As recently explained the ordinance in the present form does not cover any loss by explosions of war explosives. Hence the amendment is contemplated.

The Commonwealth Relations Conference which is due to be held in London in September has been postponed till February 1945.

NO SPECIAL STAFF FOR DALAL

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, June 1.

I understand that there will not be any expansion of staff in the newly created Planning and Development Department. The Secretary of the Department would continue to be General Hutton. I learn that Sir A. R. Dalal after taking over will have to devote most of his time in touring the provinces, in order to speed up post-war planning and secure co-ordination between the Centre and the provinces. As indicated earlier Sir A. R. Dalal's appointment is not to be interpreted as acceptance of the Bombay Plan by the Government of India. The report that the Department of Industries and Civil Supplies will be transferred to Sir A. R. Dalal is also not yet confirmed.

Hindu Minister On Sind Land Alienation Bill

KARACHI, June 1.

"I will cease to be a minister if my Muslim colleagues on the Cabinet cannot see eye-to-eye with me on the Land Alienation Bill and remove its obnoxious features particularly its definition which will dispossess fifty yer cent Hindus holding land", says Raisaheb Gokulas Mewaldas, Hindus Minister, Sind, in an interview to the United Press to-day.

He added: "The definition of the Bill that those who derive their livelihood from land can alone hold land deprives Hindus who hold about 32 per cent of the land in the Province more than fifty per cent of it for their sin of having other side income also."

He concluded: "I will do my utmost in reasoning with my Muslim League friends but if I find them reluctant to give the Hindu minority a fair deal I will resign ministership before the Assembly meets in July to pass the Bill."

The General Body of the Sind Provincial Hindu Mahasabha is meeting at Sukkur on June 11 to consider the Sabha's attitude towards the Ministry and the correspondence which passed with Mr. V D Savarkar President of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha on the subject. The Hindu Ministers are not attending the meeting due to illness.—United Press.

Few Visitors To Mahatma

Gandhiji Likely To Prolong Stay

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Gandhiji had a particularly light day, to-day. For the first time after he undertook modified silence from Monday, visitors were remarkably few.

Gandhiji's self-imposed silent period lasts from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., when he goes to bed. During his morning and night walks after prayers he observes silence. It is stated that Gandhiji takes immense delight in paddling in gentle, rippling waves on the Juhu sea-shore.

He was unable to enjoy his morning walk as the sight of dead starfish strewn on the beach moved him much.

He closed his eyes, as he walked silently along.

It is believed that even if the monsoon sets in early, Gandhiji may not leave Bombay.

Gandhiji is more cheerful now.

It is likely that doctors may issue health bulletins every week.

Appeal From Society Of Friends

LONDON, June 1: The Society of Friends has sent messages to Lord Wavell, Mr. Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah expressing thankfulness at Mr. Gandhi's release and hoping that they will make new efforts towards an understanding and an equitable solution of the outstanding problems.—Reuter.

Need For Jail Delivery

NEW DELHI, June 1: The publication of Mahatma Gandhi's letter to Dr. Jayakar, writes the "National Call", is "both timely and helpful, since it gives to the general public some idea of the mind of the Mahatma and his personal reactions to the release.

The paper adds that the letter will destroy many serious illusions of those "who have been wishfully thinking that the release of the Mahatma by itself can help in altering the political situation, without any contributory gesture from the Government".

It proceeds: "The question that now faces the country and will perhaps face all those whom Mahatma Gandhi summons for help and advice is what facilities the Viceroy would be prepared to allow on his part, by ignoring the period between August 8 and now, to enable Mahatma Gandhi to open negotiations on behalf of the Congress on the basis of the Congress demand as embodied in its resolution.

"The first step in this direction, if the Viceroy wants Mahatma Gandhi to seek a fresh mandate minus the sanction clause to the August resolution, would be to release other Congress leaders so that Mahatma Gandhi can have consultations with them 'ab initio' before commencing talks with the Viceroy on the one hand and with Mr. Jinnah on the other.'—A. P.

Mr. Firodia Released

Mr. K S Firodia, M L A., was unconditionally released from Yeravada Central Prison on 17th May.

Barisal Hindu Conference Banned

CALCUTTA, June 1.

The Hindu Conference which was to be held at Barisal on June 3 and 4 has been banned by the Government of Bengal under the Defence of India Rules, it is authoritatively learned here.—A. P.

ONE KILLED IN EXPLOSION ON BOAT IN HOOGLY.

CALCUTTA, June 1: One person was killed and four others injured as a result of an explosion which occurred last night in a boat on the river Hooghly.

It is stated that a boat filled with petrol drums suddenly caught fire and exploded with a loud burst injuring all the five occupants, one of whom died on the spot.—A. P.

THREE MONTHS' JAIL FOR SLOGANS.

LUCKNOW, June 1: A woman Congress worker has been convicted and sentenced under D.I.R. to three months' hard labour for shouting objectionable slogans at station road last April.—A. P.

Lyttleton On Invasion Of Continent

LONDON, June 1: The British Minister of Production Mr. Oliver Lyttleton speaking in London to-day said: "I do not think that any army will ever go into battle so well equipped as the army we shall one day launch upon the Continent. I am talking not only about individual weapons but the whole range and balance of our weapons which I think and this view is shared by the soldiers have reached a stage of perfection which has never before been attained".

THAT ITALY BUSINESS.

Later in his speech Mr. Lyttleton said about the fighting in Italy: "Gen. Alexander told me the other day that he was certain the Germans were going to fight for every inch of the ground in Italy and that they were right to do so. The Germans have disputed every inch and they have got a licking".—Reuter.

DR. KHAN SAHIB TO MEET GANDHIJI

PESHAWAR, June 1: Dr. Khan Sahib is expected to leave for Bombay shortly to meet Mahatma Gandhi, who has expressed a desire to see him.—A. P.

CHINESE TAKE MALKWANG

Triple Allied Attack On Myitkyina

KANDY, June 1: The text of today's S.E. A. C. communique reads: "Chinese-American forces have taken Malkwang, a strong point on the main road in the Mogaung Valley, which has been for some time a centre of Japanese resistance. They advanced on Malakawng south of the main road and wiped out the Japanese force which opposed them.

Another Chinese-American column advancing east of the Mogaung river has established a line south of Warong and Sharaw.

Our troops are continuing their assault on Myitkyina from the north, south and west with excellent support from the Allied air forces and are making satisfactory progress against Japanese pill boxes and entrenchments North of Myitkyina our levies ambushed a party of Japanese moving westwards and inflicted casualties.

North and north-east of the Imphal plain our operations, to clear the enemy from the area east of Kanglatongbi made good progress on May 31. With tank artillery support our troops overran several enemy positions, destroyed strong points and inflicted casualties.

In the Bishenpur area north of the Sichar track, Gurkhas with tank support captured a village in which they took three enemy guns. Further south where Japanese troops were between our advancing forces we repulsed a counter-attack with considerable loss to the enemy.

There was no major activity in the Kohima sector, where the enemy is digging in preparing defensive position.

From Raymond Okelly: Japanese in the village of Ningthoukkong, 21 miles south of Imphal in, are being sandwiched. While troops of a north county Regiment hold them in their grip after entering the village from the north another force, mainly Gurkhas, has swept northwards. This Gurkha force claims to have killed 1,000 Japanese since the incircling move began. Japanese resistance in the area of Dinam village on the Tiddim road has ceased.

Chinese Drive Towards Tengchung

CHUNGKING, June 1: Chinese vanguards are within 28 miles of Tengchung, the important Myitkyina-Lashio highway city, announced a Chinese 'communique.' Streaming westward through mountain passes the Chinese are advancing towards the Burma Road with the United States Fourteenth Air Force heavily bombing and strafing Japanese strongholds along the road.

MAJOR BATTLE IN HUNAN

With strong Japanese columns hammering at the outer defences of Changsha, the Chinese have begun systematic evacuation of civilians from the Hunan capital, destruction of all railways and highways and the mining of rivers. They are preparing for a major battle in the Hunan mountains. The Japanese are most active, bombing Chinese cities and airfields from dawn to dusk.

On Pacific Front

KURILE ISLANDS BOMBED

WASHINGTON, May 31.

A "Communique" issued by Admiral Chester Nimitz, Commander-in-Chief of the Pacific, to-day said that Shimushiru, Matsuwa, Paramushiru and Shimushu islands in the Kuriles were bombed before dawn on Monday.

A single plane which bombed Shimushiru encountered no opposition.

AIR ATTACK ON WEWAK AND RABAUL

Advanced Hq. New Guinea June 1: Fighting on Biak island is reduced to patrol action and artillery exchanges, it is officially announced to-day. Japanese opposition east of Bosnel has collapsed. Bad weather prevented the Allied airforce from maintaining the support of ground action. Japanese positions at Wewak and Rabaul were bombed.—Reuter.

China Will Not Consider Jap Peace-feelers

CHUNGKING, May 31.

A Chinese Government spokesman said at to-day's press conference that it was apparent that in their operations in Hunnan, the Japanese were aiming to complete the control of the Canton-Hankow railway with the destruction of air bases to forestall in Allied incursion in South China. He described the Japanese plan as "ambitious" and said its purpose was to be brought about by dividing China into eastern and western halves.

Asked if peace feelers were put out before the operations started the spokesman said "no". Peace-feelers would be futile as China would never consider them".—Reuter

Japs Conscious Of American Ability To Hit, Says U. S. Navy Secretary

WASHINGTON, May 31.

Mr. James Forrestal, United States Secretary of Navy, said today that American fleets would continue on their permanent offensive in the Pacific. Carrier task forces would continue to dominate action in this theatre.

As a result of blows against Truk, Saipan, Tinian and Palau, the Japanese had "become so conscious of American ability to hit his Pacific bases that he evacuated his fleet units and as much of his shipping at possible when one of the longrange reconnaissance planes was sighted over his territory.

The tremendous mobility of our fleet has been imparted to our land and air forces, for by its use we have been able to reconquer territory and to establish airfields in all forward areas"

Mr. Forrestal said that as a result of the blows struck by American forces against Truk, Spain Tinian and Palau islands 52 vessels of all classes damaged. All this had been obtained without loss to the American forces.—Reuter.

Germans Predict Allied Second Front From Africa

Invasion Of Italian Or French Riveira From Corsican Springboard

LONDON, June 1.

The German D.N.B. News Agency Military Correspondent in Italy, Karl Praegner, reported to-day: "Fifteen Allied Divisions, including Moroccan and Algierian units, are at the moment concentrated in French North Africa for an attack on the southern flank of Europe.

One must suppose that Corsica with all its vast possibilities has been converted by the Allied High Command during the last few months into a grand-style springboard for invasion on the French and possibly also the Italian Riveira.

The Allied battle group in North Africa consists of ten infantry divisions and five tank divisions. Only very few of these units have been used in the present battle in Italy. These tdoops will enter the battle scene in conjunction with the imminent Allied big-scale attack against the west coasts of Europe. The concentrations of Allied landing craft in North African ports points to the same possibility. The Allies are aiming at holding considerable German forces and at forcing the Germans to transfer vital army groups from the west to Italy.

The main Allied blow will come from the west and the decisive battles of this war will be fought on the Western Front".

NEW ORGANISATION FOR WORLD SECURITY

LONDON, June 1: The British Government has now received a report from Lord Halifax, British Ambassador in Washington, regarding Mr. Cordell Hull's intimation that the U. S. Government is ready to join in the examination of proposals for a new organisation of world security.

In London to-day, it was stated that the opportunity which the meeting would offer for a discussion of the problem is warmly welcomed. It is assumed that the Conference will be in Washington and that it will be on official rather than political level. In other words representatives will a have Diplomatic and perhaps Ambassadorial stauts.—Reuter.

DEWEY NOT IN THE RUN FOR WHITE HOUSE

NEW YORK, June 1: The Governor of New York State Mr. Thomas E. Dewey is sticking to his determination not to commit himself to being named as an aspirant to the Republican nomination for the Presidency.

This was made clear in answer to inquiries by a party of South American businessmen who have been on a tour in New York State as members of the Inter-American Development Commission. The visitors told Reuter that they were very pleased at the indications given by Governor Dewey that he favoured the "good neighbour" policy but they hoped for a more concrete statement. New York State officials when questioned said that Governor Dewey was at present not in a position to make such an outright declaration as this admission would undeniably mark him as an avowed Presidential candidate.

Dewey Not Going Round World

NEW YORK, May 31.—Reports circulated abroad that the Republican Presidential Candidate plans a round the world trip to consult Allied leaders find no confirmation whatever in informed quarters in the United States which dismiss them as pure speculation.

It is pointed out in the first place that such a decision would be a highly personal one and as the candidate is not yet nominated, none of the prospective choices are yet in a position to formulate any plans. This applies particularly to Mr. Dewey who is still officially "no running."

Quarters close to Mr. Dewey told Reuter: "The question is entirely hypothetical at the present stage. But you have got to remember that the Republican candidate, whoever he is, will have a great deal on his hands in organising his campaign against people who have the advantage of being in office now."—Reuter.

BIG R.A.F. ATTACK ON NAZI RAIL TARGETS

LONDON, June 1: The Bomber Command in great strength last night attacked rail communications at Tergnier, Trappes and Saumur, says an Air Ministry announcement.

Three spans of the five-span vital double-track railroad bridge spanning the river Seine at Vernon, France, were destroyed or badly damaged by U. S. "Thunderbolt" fighter-bombers. This was shown in reconnaissance photographs to-day.

American Position In Biak

NEW YORK, June 1: The position of Americans on Biak is most difficult and it is possible strong measures will have to be taken to keep it from deteriorating, says a "New York Times" message from Australian headquarters."

Two B.E.S.T. Employees Killed

Sequel To Military Lorry Colliding With Bus

An accident which took place along Marine Drive resulted in the death of two young men, who were both employees of B. E. S. and T. Company.

A B. E. S. and T. bus was running along Marine Drive on Thursday evening with full complement of passengers. A military lorry was following the bus. When the bus drew up at the bus stop (station), the military lorry which was following failed to stop and consequently dashed against the bus ahead. Two persons, Ratanshaw Ardeshir Irani (32) a bus driver and Behram Motlibhai Bhiwandiwalla (27), bus conductor, who were on their way to duty and standing on the foot-board of the bus, were seriously injured. When they were being removed to the hospital they succumbed to their injuries. Several other passengers were injured. The bus was damaged.

BATTLE FOR JASSY

MOSCOW, June 1.

From Reuter's special correspondent:

The heavy fighting north of Jassy has apparently not yet reached its peak, although the latest dispatches say that enemy attacks have been held all along the line.

The Germans are still seeking a limited but two-fold objective:—To improve their defensive position at Jassy and to free the Jassy-Pascani railway, which links Ul with the main line to the Ploesti oilfields.

Although the fighting is very violent its strategic scope should not be exaggerated. It does not appear to form part of any larger plan. A well-known Soviet commentator sums up: "It is difficult to surmise the object of these enemy attacks—but their cost to the enemy is considerable".—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

22 Killed In Explosion

DIMCHURCH (Kent), June 1. Twenty-two infantry men, including an instructing officer were killed and several more wounded by the explosion of three boxes of anti-tank grenades, it was disclosed at the inquest to-day.

"ACT OF GOD"?

An officer stated there were three possible explanations—"Act of God", the heat of the sun or the head of a match falling into the box of detonators. The three coroners conducting the inquest returned a verdict of accidental death.—Reuter.

SHERIFF'S APPEAL TO VICEROY

Release Building Materials Early

BOMBAY, June 1.

Sir Shantidas Askuran, the Sheriff of Bombay, has sent the following telegram to H. E. The Viceroy, New Delhi:—

Speedy decision taken by your Government has prevented financial crisis which is very much appreciated. To provide houses to dishoused and godowns for trade is now most important question owing to the approaching monsoon. Government of Bombay have sent to your Excellency's Government list of building materials to be released. Knowing how keen your Excellency and His Excellency the Governor of Bombay are to give shelter to the distressed, I am confident, early orders for release of materials will be issued for which people of Bombay will remain deeply indebted to you.—A. P.

Baron Jayatilaka was ailing when he left Delhi this morning by a special plane provided personally by the Viceroy Lord Wavell but died on the way. The body has been brought to Colombo.—A. P.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

COTTON (JULY.)

New York, June 1.

Previous Closing	21.00
To-day's Opening	20.99
Difference	—01
To-day's Closing	20.96
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CALCUTTA SHARE MARKET

CALCUTTA, June 1.

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Hasrat Mohani Wants Jinnah To Define Pakistan As A Dominion And Mahatma To Accept Principle Of Its Independence

HYDERABAD, June 1.

Maulana Hasrat Mohani, who was here on his short visit when interviewed by the Orient Press representative on the possibility of a compromise between Mahatma Gandhi and Mr. Jinnah and on the political deadlock in the country said: "In my opinion the only basis for compromise between the two leaders is that Mr. Jinnah should agree to define Pakistan as a dominion, because it is apprehended by the non-Muslims. Gandhiji should accept the principle of independence of Pakistan should be free to enter into alliance with the Hindustan Republic, which together with the proposed Pakistan Republic or republics will form a union of the sovereign States of India.

This union which I would prefer to call the Union of Sovereign States of India, because the constituent States will have the same rights and status as those of the United States of Soviet Russia according to its latest developments, which grants its constituents units complete independence and the power to enter into relations with the foreign States. This union of sovereign States of India ought to be free to enter into alliance with Great Britain and other democratic countries, like America, Russia and China.

If Great Britain agrees to make this proclamation here and now like the proclamation made by Queen Victoria, for the establishments of the union of Sovereign States of India after the war all existing political bodies will be obviously bound to give their whole-hearted support to the war efforts of the Allies, and accept the establishment of coalition Governments in the centre and Provinces in the interim period without any condition or reservation on their part. In case British Government is not willing to consider the united demand of all the political parties of India, we may have to adopt the policy of retirement similar to that of the Muslim League of non-embarrassment, meaning thereby that neither there should be any obstruction nor encouragement to our efforts.

Replying to a question Maulana said in his opinion having once expressed his final decision Gandhiji is not likely to accept any basis of compromise which goes against the complete independence of India and if independence is not granted Maulana added that Gandhiji may prefer to go back to jail.—Orient Press.

NO PAKISTAN WITH INDIA IN BONDAGE

Abdul Majid On Nationalist Muslims' Differences With Leaguers

KARACHI, June 1.

The main reason why Nationalist Muslim considered it necessary to establish a separate organisation of the Muslims—the Muslim Majlis—is that within the Muslim League organisation there is no room for persons who believe in the complete Independence of India, and aim which has been dropped from and no longer forms part of the creed of the Muslim League, but which does constitute the political ideal of the Nationalist Muslims, says Sheikh Abdul Majid M.L.A. in the course of a statement.

He adds: "According to us there can be no freedom for Pakistan without the freedom of India. We look upon the freedom of India as the freedom not only of the various provinces of India but of all the nations of the East. We demand that freedom unconditionally and immediately. But that is not the attitude of the Muslim League which taboos all constitutional advance without its previous consent and approval. Therein lies the essential difference between our two viewpoints. None however is more anxious than we are to help a Congress-League settlement and an equally lasting Indo-British settlement on the basis of self determination for India and its units. There is no reason why the Indian question cannot be settled on the basis of the Cripps' offer, if the British Government is prepared to part with power immediately.—A. P.

SETTLEMENT BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND LOK-PARISHAD

(From A Correspondent)

JODHPUR, May 30.

Final settlement has now been arrived at between Government and Lokparishad. Sjt. Jainarain Vyas, Representative, Lokparishad, was released. Release of others expected this evening. Mr. Jainarain was motoring to Siwana Jalore forts to meet a detenu and was ordered to be released.

Both Orders Must Be Complied With

BOMBAY, June 1: A Press Note issued by the Textile Commissioner says:—The recent order of the Textile Commissioner that all mills must supply their 1940-42 dealers has caused a number of mills to ask what their position is under the Cotton Cloth Movements Control Order which prohibits despatch of cloth except in accordance with a zonal scheme. For the information of all concerned the position is that both orders must be complied with and no special permits can be granted under the Cotton Cloth Movements Control order to enable such goods to move contrary to the provisions of the order and general permit.

Another Press Note says:—Mr. B. C. Patel has been appointed by the Textile Commissioner, to be in charge of the special work of disposal of goods manufactured by those mills, which continue to work under the old managements, but whose production are to be disposed of according to the Textile Commissioner's directions.

UNDERSTANDING ABOUT PRICE OF CLOTH REACHED

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, June 1.

The millowners and cloth Mahajans have arrived at an understanding about the price of damaged cloth and it is decided to print 10 percent less rate on damaged cloth than the whole cloth.

Local cloth associations have decided to challenge the Government order regarding merchants after 1942. The whole issue after consultation with legal advisers will go to court, and a committee on behalf of associations will be formed.

The Assistant Textile Controller, Mr. Desai, has issued a circular to all local mills asking them to inform him about their stock within two days. He has also demanded the figure of productions.

The local authorities have sanctioned the railway fare as well as allowances to Rovists who are touring in villages for grow-more-food campaign.

STOPPING "BLACK MARKET" IN SAND.

With a view to stopping the "black market" in sand, the Bombay Government has issued an order prohibiting the sale, delivery and disposal of sand to any person without a licence from the Controller of Structures and Building Materials, Bombay. Under this Order, however, boatmen who bring the sand in country-crafts are allowed to sell it to the dealers direct without a licence.

Contravention of this Order will render a person liable to prosecution.

NEPALESE GIRLS JOIN COLOURS NOW!

NEW DELHI, May 30: Following the example of their famous Gurkha brothers, Nepalese girls are joining the colours.

When the enemy came over the border near Imphal they decided it was time for them to act. So the Gurkha girls set out for the plains. Never before had they been in a train, but they travelled along the twisting mountain roads to the nearest station. Teachers and students together boarded a train for Calcutta, there they went to see the Women's Auxiliary Corps' Chief Recruiting Officer for Eastern Army.

A Nepalese unit was immediately formed. The O. C. is one of their school-teachers. So are some of their officers. They live in their own hostel, with a Nepalese mess Sergeant to see that they get the food to which they are accustomed.

The girls will be a most valuable addition to the W.A.C. (I). A number of Nepalese signal sections are being formed. Already a contingent has flown half a cross India to receive training for urgent signals duties.—A. P.

"No Famine Conditions In Bengal Now"

CALCUTTA, May 31: Famine conditions were not prevalent now in Bengal, declared the Revenue Minister, Mr. Tarak Nath Mukerjea, replying to a question whether he was considering the desirability of declaring the province a famine area under the Famine Code, in the Bengal Legislative Assembly to-day.

The question therefore did not arise, the Minister added. But Government had been administering relief on a famine basis and doing everything humanly possible to feed the famished people. The arrangements made by Government to give relief in Calcutta and the mofussil, included setting up of destitute relief centres, temporary orphanages, provision of hospital arrangements, opening of free kitchens, poor houses workhouses and free milk canteens and distribution of gratuitous relief in cash and kind.—A. P.

SOLDIERS DEMAND STATUTORY RIGHTS

KARACHI, May 31.

Men of the Indian forces now in the Middle East are desirous that, after the war, they should have certain rights incorporated in the constitution so that their interests could be protected.

This was disclosed to-day in an interview by Syed Miran Mohd. Shah, Speaker of the Sind Legislative Assembly, who was one of the members of the National Defence Council who paid a visit to Indian troops in the Middle East recently.

During a tour lasting forty days, the party visited Egypt, Palestine, the Lebanon, Syria, Iran and Iraq.

"We found our men in the best of spirits", said Syed Miran Mohd. Shah. Their morale was of the highest and all their officers spoke of their sense of duty in the highest terms.

The members gathered from their talks with the men that after the war they should be accorded certain constitutional rights." "We feel," said Syed Miran Mohd. Shah, 'that arrangements should be made to grant such rights. It was a just demand".

Speaking of social conditions in the Islamic countries they visited, Syed Miran Mohamad Shah said that their women appeared to enjoy greater freedom than in India.

Inflation to a high degree was prevalent in many places. Thus in Iran, sugar was priced at Rs. 16 a seer and prices of other necessaries were similarly prohibitive.

The people of all countries they visited were as ignorant of India as we of them. They, however, showed a keen desire to establish closer contacts with this country.—A. P.

Scheme For Compulsory Saving By Workers

AHMEDABAD, June 1.—A scheme of compulsory saving by workers is being prepared by the Textile Labour Association in collaboration with the Millowners' Association. The Labour Association believes that the workers who get dearness allowance based on the cost of living index in accordance with the Award of the Industrial Court would not be ordinarily making a saving but in view of the difficulty of obtaining certain articles and the inordinate rise in the prices of certain other articles owing to the war situation, they are in a position to save something if they do not fritter away their earnings in drink and other vices.

The Labour Association appeals to workers to save voluntarily something every month till the scheme of compulsory saving is enforced and deposit the amount in the savings bank opened by the Labour Association.—A. P.

Conviction In Bribery Case

AJMER, (By Mail.)

One Mr. Nand Kishore, Reader to the Deputy Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara, Ajmer, has been convicted by the Additional Assistant Commissioner, Ajmer-Merwara, Ajmer and Magistrate First Class for accepting illegal gratification.

SIR B. N. RAU NOT RESIGNING.

SRINAGAR, June 1.

The "United Press" is authorised to state that there is no truth in a news agency report that Sir B. N. Rau, Prime Minister of Kashmir, has resigned.—United Press.

Rs. 15,000 From London For Indian Famine Relief

LONDON, May 31: A further sum of Rs. 15,000 has been cabled to India for disbursement by Mrs. Vijaya Lakshmi Pandit in the famine stricken areas.—Reuter.

Casualties In Ordnance Factory Explosion

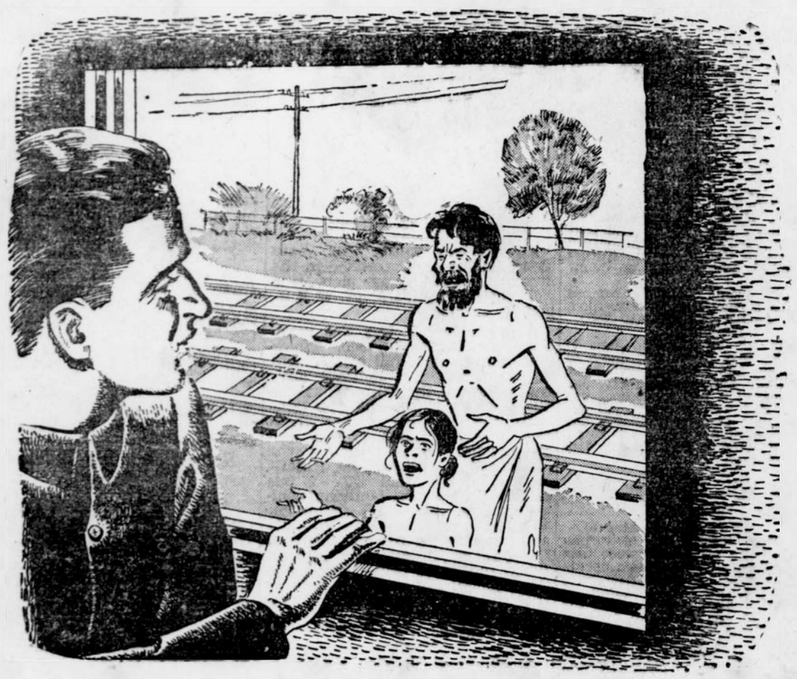
LONDON, May 31: It is officially announced that as a result of an explosion in a Royal Ordnance factory in the west of England yesterday evening, two operatives were killed, ten seriously injured and there were a number of minor casualties.—Reuter.

MAHASABHA EXECUTIVE TO MEET AT DELHI NEXT MONTH.

MADRAS, June 1: It is understood that a meeting of the Working Committee of the All-India Hindu Mahasabha is provisionally fixed to be held at Delhi in the middle of this month.

It is learnt that the meeting may discuss, among other subjects, the present political situation following the release of Mahatma Gandhi and also the situation in the Punjab so far as it affects the Hindus of the province.—A. P.

LUCKNOW: It is understood that a portion of the stock of cloth recently frozen at Bombay and Ahmedabad by the Textile Commissioner, Government of India, is being allotted to various districts of the United Provinces.



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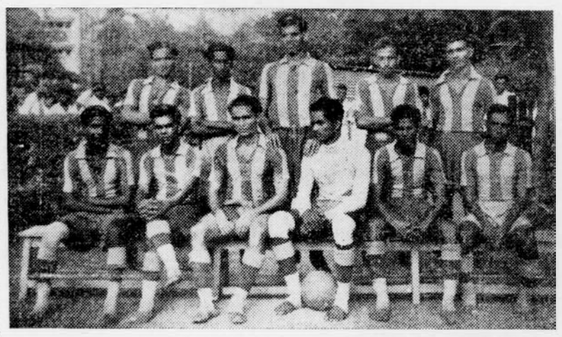

A group photograph of the Tata Sports Club who defeated the South Indians by one goal to nil in the Nadkarni Cup Football Tournament Final on Wednesday.

CITY AND SUBURBS

To-day

Hindu: Jeth Shud 11, 2000
Muslim: Jamadi-ul-Akher 10, 1363
Parsi: Dein 2, 1313
Sunrise: 7-2 a.m., Sunset 8-10 p.m. (N. S. T.)
Hightide: 10-00, 21-47, Lowtide 3-39, 15-38 (N. S. T.)

Domestic Occurrence

DEATHS.

NORONHA—Lawrence Aloysius late of Official Assignee's Office on 1st June, interred Victoria Church.

MANORAMABAI, wife of Dinkar Rao Amembal, Director Indian Music Section, All-India Radio, Bombay, and daughter of late Trasi Deo Rao of Mangalore, expired 1st June, at 5 p.m.

Funeral leaves "Sharada Sadan" French Bridge, at 7 a.m., 2nd June. (Madras papers please copy).

To-day's Engagements

COMMISSIONER'S ROUND:—The Municipal Commissioner and the Councillors of Ward No. 16 (Matunga, Sion) will meet near the King's Circle tomorrow (Saturday) at 6-51 a m (B T) 8-30 a m (S T) to go round the ward.

CITIZENS' EMERGENCY RELIEF FUND.

The following donations to the Citizens Emergency Relief Fund have been received: Previously acknowledged, Rs. 14,93,171-13-1; His Highness the Raja of Sangli, Rs. 3,000; The Metal Exchange Association, Rs. 2,001; Commandant, H. Indian Corps, Jalna, Rs. 1,000

Including amounts less than Rs. 1,000, the total receipts amount to Rs. 15,00,707-13-1.

"ALL THE WINNERS":—A new show has just arrived from the Middle East. It is named "All The Winners."

Since leaving England the company has played to nearly 50,000 troops. Their tour in India commenced on Wednesday (May 31st).—

G. S. B. SCHOLARSHIP LEAGUE:—Applications for help are invited from students of Goud Saraswat Brahmin community, hailing from South and North Kanara, and studying in High Schools and should reach the Hon. Secretary, Goud Saraswat Brahmin Scholarship League, C/O Saraswat Brahmin Samaj, Nikat Lane, Girgaon, Bombay by 30th June, 1944. Applications are also invited for the Dangi Memorial Prize of Rs. 20 and Industrial Scholarships of Rs. 5 from students studying in the technical or industrial institutes in the Bombay Presidency

UNIVERSITY ELECTION:—Mr. S. G. Patwardhan, Advocate and Assistant Government Pleader, High Court, Bombay, is a candidate for election to the Senate of the Bombay University from the Registered Graduates' Constituency.

FREE CINEMA SHOW: A free cinema show on Indian Air Force and trade taught there followed by a lecture by F/Lt R. Ross Fenner, A. T. R. O. and F/Lt. Sing on the prospects opened in the Indian Air Force for India's youth, at 9 p.m., at Nagpada Neighbourhood House, Byculla.

C. I. D. Arrests Youth On Suspicion

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Rasendrekumar Bhattacharji, a Bengali youth was put up to-day before Mr. R. Mathalone, Presidency Magistrate, Esplanade Court, under the Defence of India Rules.

Applying for his remand in custody an officer of the C.I.D. described, what he called, the restless and suspicious behaviour of the suspect which had led to his ultimate arrest.

The officer alleged that over a month ago Bhattacharji came to him at the C.I.D. Office asking him for permission to see His Excellency the Viceroy. A search of his person in the presence of the 'panchas', said the officer, revealed a letter written by him to his brother at Digboi, in which he had incorporated certain information likely to create panic among the people.

Conversation with him gave the impression that he was mentally deranged and he was therefore kept under observation by the Police Surgeon.

On Wednesday last he was discharged from the Thana N. M. Mental Hospital with a report that he was of a completely sound mind. He was therefore rearrested.

The suspect was enlarged on bail in the sum of Rs. 250 with a surety of a like amount.

Bombay Gazette Notifications

Messrs. D. B. Kulkarni, and N. S. Bhupali, to officiate as Second Class Second Grade, Subordinate Judges, pending further orders.

Mr. S. P. Barde, a Magistrate of the First Class in the district of Ahmednagar, is invested, with the additional power, to try summarily Section 260.

Messrs. M. H. Jamadar and A. Y. Keskar Magistrates of the First Class in the district of Ahmednagar, are invested, with the additional power, to hear appeals from convictions by Magistrates of the Second and Third Classes—Section 407.

Mr. R. D. Kulkarni, a Magistrate of the Second Class in the district of East Khandesh, is appointed, to be a Magistrate of the First Class in that district.

LAHORE: Sir Gokulchand Narang, M. L. A., has constituted a special fund of Rs. 25,000 called the "Major Prannath Narang Gallantry Trust" to commemorate the career of his son as an officer of the Indian army and particularly his death in action on April 17 last.

"The Lodger" At Eros

Jack The Ripper Lives On The Screen

By T. V. P.

With meticulous attention to production and technical details and with the active co-operation of a splendid and fit cast, 20th Century Fox have brought to the screen the famous mystery thriller "The Lodger". It brings with commendable authenticity almost the full account of the fiendish murders committed by Jack the Ripper, whose gruesome, strange and mysterious activities terrorized London during the gaslight era.

Merle Oberon, Laird Cregar and George Sanders head a capable cast including Sir Cedric Hardwicke, Sara Allgood. John Brahm, well-known for the direction of mystery-thrillers, has throughout the film maintained an atmosphere of terror which reaches a wild crescendo of thrills in the startling climax.

"Romeo and Juliet" starring Norma Shearer and Leslie Howard is continued for another week at Metro. "Arabian Nights" is being revived at Regal "Let Us Face It" is being revived at Aurora and "White Savage" at Palace. "Eyes in the Night" will be shown at Strand on Friday. On Saturday Strand will show "The Shining Hour". There are daily changes on other days too.

Calculated to pull anyone out of the doldrums—offering beauty, romance, fashion, music and songs par excellence "Hello Beautiful" Charles R. Rogers' film with music is at Excelsior thru United Artists release. George Murphy, Anne Shirley and Carole Landis are featured in the film.

Adventure lovers have one of the greatest treats the screen has offered them for a long time in "Tarzan's Desert Mystery" at New Empire. The picture which Sol Lesser produced for R.K.O. Radio is by far the best of the popular Tarzan series. It is crammed with fast moving action, suspense and a great variety of thrills, all against a background of fantastically picturesque desert scenery.

Johnny "Tarzan" Weissmuller and Johnny "Boy" Sheffield, are out of the jungle in most of the movie shots, tangling with Nazi agents in and around the desert capital of an Arab Sheik. They join forces with a beautiful American girl, played by Nancy Kelly. She poses as a stranded chorus girl, but actually she's working with a neighbouring Sheik to enlist the local ruler in a campaign against enemy agents.

IMPETUS TO UNITY MOVEMENT

What India Expects Gandhiji To Give

SRINAGAR, May 31.

"The unity that was achieved during the last session of the Central Legislature clearly indicates that the urge for unity is growing. I am confident that Gandhiji will give a tremendous impetus to this urge and the way will soon be paved for the realisation of that unity which would enable us to wrest power from the hands of the British Government and effectively tackle the grave problems which confront our people today."

Dr. Ashraf emphasises however that real and stable unity is possible only on the basis of recognition of political realities. Self-determination, he says, has come to be recognised as the demand of every section of Muslims in the country—a fact amply demonstrated by the resolutions of the National Muslim Conference recently held at Delhi.

Only a clear recognition of that demand can meet the needs of the hour. Secondly, it should be recognised that Muslim League enjoys today the confidence and support of the vast majority of the Muslims in India.

And, therefore, national unity must primarily mean unity between the Congress and the League any approach to the problem of national unity which is not based on the recognition of these facts, any approach which either glosses over the question of self-determination or minimises the importance of the League will not only not lead to the solution of the present deadlock but will further intensify the prevailing atmosphere of distrust and disunity and help the enemies of Indian freedom.—A. P.

Oil Companies' Workers' Demands

It is understood that Workers of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company and Caltex (India) Ltd., the two American-owned Oil Companies in Bombay, propose to go on strike, if the companies fail to consider their demands. The demands are for bonus, internal promotion and machinery for the quick disposal of day to day complaints.

These demands were submitted to the respective companies on 1st April 1944 by the National Oil Workers Union. But having failed to get any reply, the union sought the intervention of the Commissioner of Labour with a view to get the issues settled amicably, and pending his efforts a notice of strike has been served on the companies.

OFFICE STAFF CO-OPERATE.

Along with the workers, the office staff working in the head office of the Standard Vacuum Oil Company, also are reported to have given a similar strike notice.

Their demands are, more or less similar, and the same were forwarded to the Company by the Union on the 12th of April 1944. As the Company has ignored their demands the office staff have decided to go on strike, if necessary in vindication of their demands.

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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

The basis of our Governments being the opinion of the people, the very first object should be to keep that right; and were it left to me to decide whether we should have a Government without newspapers, or newspapers without Government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter.

—Thomas Jefferson.

The Bombay Chronicle

SCHEME OF COMPENSATION

The Government of India's decision to pay compensation to those who have suffered losses in the recent disaster has been announced not a day too soon. Nor can the scheme of compensation be said to be unexceptionable. It is satisfactory and significant that Government accepts responsibility to pay cent per cent compensation at least in the case of those who fully insured their property against all risks. But discrimination against persons who only partially insured their property and those who did not insure it at all is utterly unfair on the part of Government, though it is the normal business of insurance companies to make compensation proportionate to the extent of insurance. It is not as an insurance company that Government comes in here to compensate losses caused by accident or acts of God. The circumstances in which the explosions took place make it necessary for Government to assume full responsibility for full compensation to all persons who suffered losses whether their property was wholly or partially insured or not at all. Moreover, as pointed out by Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, President, Indian Merchants' Chamber, "it cannot be believed that the intention on the part of the Government for the discrimination is to make the people more insurance minded in the future, for this misfortune should hardly be made the occasion for any such propaganda." We trust Government will amend those parts of its scheme which involve unmerited distinction.

It is not clear whether compensation will be paid in respect of losses other than immovable property, household and personal effects, motor vehicles and stock in trade and merchandise, that is, in respect of goods in godowns and warehouses without insurance cover. The maximum limit of compensation fixed in respect of stock in trade merchandise etc. involves hardship to those who have suffered the losses and for this there is no valid justification. Moreover, as the Mayor has pointed out, "the cases of those having cash not as part of investment or hoarding, but small accumulations and jewellery which have been destroyed deserve better consideration." In short, while the scheme of compensation will doubtless bring relief to many, it has many defects only a few of which have been indicated above. The scheme should be soon revised in the light of informed public opinion.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Dutch Criticism

A spokesman of the smaller nations, to wit, Dr. Van Klaffens, the Netherlands Foreign Minister, has made "the first statement" on Mr. Churchill's proposal for a World Council of four or five of the largest States More or less the same plan is suggested by Mr. Cordell Hull, too. There is little doubt that the institution, if organised on Churchillian lines, will be a phoney League of Nations and there is justification in the mildly-worded criticism of Dr. Van Klaffens. The Big Ones, or rather some of them, ignore the smaller nations and seem to think that the world should be theirs to govern as they think. To ignore smaller nations is to deny democracy and freedom. They will have to be given due place in any future world organisation if peace is to prevail. But that is not the only failing of the phoney League of Nations. What about the hundreds of millions who are the "subjects" of European Imperialism, of Britain, France, the Netherlands and Belgium? It is interesting to note that Dr. Van Klaffens does not regard them as deserving of anything more than contributing to the title of "smaller" Empires to a respectable place in world councils. The democracy of Dr. Van Klaffens, as, indeed, of other Imperialists, is exclusively meant for European nations.

An "Assurance"

A Parliamentary Delegation from Britain had been on a visit to the West Indies and on its return home one of the members, Captain Gammans, has assured the Royal Empire Society that all was well. The eminent imperial patriots of the Society, most of them retired bearers of the white man's burden and British trusteeship in the far-flung Empire, must have heaved a sigh of relief at the reassuring report; they were so profoundly agitated over the dangers of American expansion. They must have welcomed the good news that "British subjects" in the West Indies were disturbed lest sovereignty over them be passed on to America along with the leased bases and the equally satisfying report that "we assured them that British subjects were not for sale, transfer or barter." This is, of course, a warning to America to keep off British preserves; for the "disturbed" feeling of the people of West Indies was Mr. Gammans' attempt at a sort of transferred epithet implying the anxiety of British imperialists. As to the people themselves, they may well wonder what difference the assurance of British M.P.'s was going to make to their own lot. Or was Mr. Gammans talking all the time exclusively of British settlers in the West Indies?

Churchill And Franco

Mr. Churchill's rather friendly and sympathetic references in his recent speech to General Franco and Fascist Spain have provoked American commentators into strong comments. It may be argued that if Mr. Churchill's words are sinful, the discreetness of responsible American leaders over the political sympathies of the Spanish dictator and the character of his regime is not altogether unregrettable. But that does not exonerate the British Premier. Nor does the defence by his enthusiastic lieutenant, the British Propaganda Minister, answer the criticisms. Mr. Brendan Bracken quotes a four year old speech of Mr. Churchill's to prove the latter's consistency. At the most that speech of October 1940 was non-committal. The latest one is not. It is positively objectionable not because it accepts Spain's neutrality—no one has any right to question neutrality as such however disappointing it may be. The point is that, during all these long years of the war, General Franco's policy has been openly and deliberately unneutral and, having usurped power in Spain, with the help of German Nazism and Italian Fascism the Caudillo has consistently and openly proclaimed his adherence to ideologies against which the United Nations have been—at least according to their profession—fighting. Today the situation is that victory over the Axis is in sight, and it is in such a situation that Mr. Churchill makes a speech implying friendship for the Caudillo.

The Real Danger

Therefore, it has given rise to the sharp question: What is Mr. Churchill up to and why? And, therefore, it has led American commentators to suggest what they, in fact, have suggested. The American protests are welcome, although Americans still fail fully to realise the perils facing the future; they have, for instance, yet to realize the dangers involved in the encouragement given to Marshal Badoglio. Events in the course of this war have pointed to the grave possibility that this "war of liberation" may end eventually in the restoration of imperialisms and an outbreak of imperialist rivalries. The Atlantic Charter has degenerated already into a pious phrase and there is little unity over either war aims or peace aims. The inevitable result will be escape into power politics, which will be a world tragedy. What is needed to save the future is an unreserved application of democratic freedom throughout the world. And this clearly means voluntary liquidation also of Empires and imperialism.

Confounding

Mr. Churchill's reference to Spain in his statement before the Commons in the recent foreign affairs debate has raised the ire and indignation of political commentators in the United States. Mr. Cecil Brown characterises Mr. Churchill's statement of policy towards Spain as "buttering up" General Franco which, he asserts, "strengthened Fascism and convinced Neutrals that they need not fear Allied sanctions." Mr. Winchell with withering sarcasm proclaims that "the blood, sweat and tears"—the pet phrase that the British Premier so persistently repeats as his only promise to his people—"reached the bargaining point" as distinct from the pledge to annihilate Hitler Germany and the complete destruction of Fascism. Mr. Annen MacCormick sees into the statement the ulterior motive of British policy as a "division of Europe into spheres of influence"—the imperialist camouflage for territorial greed—and, therefore, General Franco should be strengthened so that democratic elements of the Spanish people may not rise in a bid for lost political power. Dorothy Thompson is also outspoken. She declares that Mr. Churchill's statement has changed the character of the war. Her conclusion is that the "war of liberation", "the war to save and defend democracy", has been turned into the "war for power, that the peace would be made and kept by big Powers with small nations in a position of inferiority." Mr. Churchill, that is to say, has thrown the much-advertised Atlantic Charter into the scrap heap and has indicated how he looks at and regards the "four freedoms" talk of the American President. This outburst of indignant protest from commentators is welcome as an indication that intellectuals are on the vigil and would not tolerate any idea that this war should be like the last one. But then, they did not see the danger that they see now when General Eisenhower scooped on all when he entered into a deal first with Admiral Darlan and then with General Giraud in North Africa. They do not see anything like the peril they are denouncing now in the restoration of King Victor Emmanuel and Marshal Badoglio to power in Italy. Indeed events in the course of this war have pointed to the grave danger that this "war of liberation" may at any moment degenerate into a war of rival imperialisms. The lack of irrevocable unity among the United Nations and the absence of any clearly defined war aims proclaimed by them jointly constitute the escape into "power" politics. Now, even at this late hour, at least American intellectuals have begun to glean the disaster to which the leaders in this war are dragging the world. Their indignation and protests will have point and force only if they combine in a crusade for the immediate application of the principles of democratic freedom where members of the United Nations can apply them in areas under their rule. Unless the purpose of this war is for the complete liquidation of Empires and imperialism, the menace to the future these American commentators fear will ever remain and can never be removed.

—C. K. N.

Maharaja Of Rewa

A correspondent writes:

Details available go to show that the report emanating from Jubbulpore that His Highness the Maharaja of Rewa is unwilling to return home on grounds of certain grievances is misleading. His Highness is not able to return to his State and mix with his subjects because of the restrictions placed on the Ruler by the Paramount Power.

It will be recalled that the commission specially set up by the Government to enquire into the allegations made against His Highness found him innocent and acquitted him of all the charges. The Paramount Power then banned his entry into his State till the State Administration was set up by them.

It is several months since the Commission gave its verdict and the setting up of Administration is yet not completed. His Highness should be looking forward to return to his State when the administrative arrangements are completed.

INSPIRATION TO ENSLAVED PEOPLES

Leaders' Greetings To First Congress Of Friends Of Soviet Union

The first All-India Congress of the Friends of the Soviet Union is to be held in Bombay on the 3rd and 4th of June, 1944, under the presidentship of Mrs. Vijayalaxmi Pandit.

The Reception Committee, All-India Friends of the Soviet Union Congress have been able to secure the support and good wishes of many prominent and well-known figures in Indian political and cultural life who have declared their sympathies with the Congress in messages sent to the Reception Committee at their request.

Outstanding among these are Syt. Bhulabhai Desai, Syt. Rajagopalachari Sri Prakasa, Congress M.L.A., U. P. Abdul Huq, Anjuman-i-Taraqqui-i-Urdu, Delhi; Swami Sahjanand, President, All-India Kisan Sabha. Will Lowther, President, Mine Workers' Federation, England; Sir Gyan Chandra Ghosh, Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore; Poet Vallathol of Kerala and Mr. Bishop, Secretary, Russia Today Society, England.

In the course of his message, Syt. Bhulabhai Desai says:

"The collaboration of the Soviet Union with the other Allies has already produced great results and will, I trust, in due course achieve emancipation of humanity. I wish the Congress all success."

Syt. Sri Prakasa declares:

"We in India have much to learn from Russia. We have to go out of our shell and to take our share in the remoulding of the world. I think we can do much only if we would act unitedly and imagine courageously. I may only hope that your Congress will be able to give us practical suggestions for our own work in the future. I know that our political and social difficulties are very many; but just as man has made them so can man unmake them too; and we need not despair."

Maulvi Abdul Huq hails the Congress thus:

"Politics is not in the line of this Anjuman, but it is impossible to restrain one's feelings of admiration at the indomitable courage and organisation of the Soviet Union in defending their country against aggression and regaining almost all the lost ground by persistent knocks at the enemy. I therefore welcome your move and wish your conference every success."

Poet Vallathol of Kerala greets the Congress thus:

"The art and culture of the peoples of the Soviet Union, undying and imperishable in the midst of the most merciless war in human history, has been an inspiration to the enslaved peoples of the East.

"On behalf of Kerala and its ancient but growing culture and art, I send my warm greetings to the first Congress of the Friends of the Soviet Union."

Others who have sent messages to the Congress are:

Syt. Sampurnanand, Congress M.L.A., U.P.; Dr. Subbarayon, Madras; Mrs. Radhabai Subbarayon, Madras; K. M. Abdul Guffar, Editor, the "Payam", Hyderabad and Dr. Brukar, an eminent physician of Bombay.

DACOITY IN RUNNING TRAIN

Policeman Injured In Exchange Of Shots

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAJKOT, June 1.

It is reported that gang of dacoits who had got into a train at Viramgam last night looted the train near Lilapur station between Viramgam and Wadhwan.

It is stated that they stopped the train by pulling the alarm chain and plundered the mail van.

Gunshots were exchanged between the dacoits and the police travelling with the train resulting in a policeman sustaining injuries.

It is also said that second and first class passengers have been also looted.

The police are investigating.

Archbishop Opens Polish Hospital

BOMBAY, June 1: The Archbishop of Bombay Dr. Roberts to-night opened the first Polish hospital on foreign soil intended primarily for Polish refugees of whom there are large numbers in India. The hospital is entirely staffed by Poles but Bombay's leading physicians and surgeons are honorary consultants. It is intended to move the hospital after the war as a unit back to Poland as a permanent memorial there to the hospitality of India to Poland in its hour of need.

The hospital, at Queen's Road near Charni Road, has forty beds and will also be open to all nationalities in case of need. The original funds, which have been generously supplemented in India, were provided by citizens of Polish origin now in the United States in a remittance to the Archbishop of Bombay through the War Relief Services National Catholic Welfare Conference, U. S. A.

His Grace in declaring the hospital open said that it owed everything to the energy and determination of Madame Banasinski, delegate of the Polish Red Cross and wife of the Polish Consul-General in India.—A. P.

Coal Prices Fixed

NEW DELHI, June 1.

A Gazette notification announces the fixation of the price of coal from collieries on and after June 1 for six months.

Bengal and Bihar coal is divided into six grades and prices vary from Rs. 13 to Rs. 10 per ton. The prices of C. P. and Berar coal, Baluchistan coal, Punjab coal, Assam coal and Orissa coal are Rs. 11, Rs. 29-12, Rs. 22, Rs. 33-8 and Rs. 11 per ton respectively.

The prices are exclusive of loading charges, excise duty, cess or other import and middle man's commission.—United Press.

INDIAN MAILS REACH U. K.

NEW DELHI, June 1: A Press communique says: air mails which left India after April 6, 1944, and up to May 5, 1944, have been delivered in U. K. Seaborne mails which left India after February 25, 1944 and up to March 25, 1944, have been delivered in U. K. Airgraphs which left India after April 8, 1944, and up to May 14, 1944, have been received in U. K.

Compensation For Loss In Bombay Explosion

PRANLAL CRITICISES DISCRIMINATORY TREATMENT OF THE UNINSURED

Mr. Pranlal Devkaran Nanjee, President, Indian Merchants' Chamber, has issued the following statement on the scheme of compensation to persons who suffered losses in connection with the recent explosion and the fires:—

"The anxiously awaited scheme for compensation has now been announced by the Government of India. The public will, no doubt, be grateful to the Government for their recognising the duty and responsibility of the State to make good the losses suffered by the people as a result of the disaster that befell the City.

While the scheme is not quite satisfactory in several respects, it is bound to prevent the financial distress, and is sure to restore confidence and credit.

As regards the discriminatory treatment under the scheme to the uninsured, it is difficult to justify it, because the State owes equal responsibility to all.

Regarding the maximum limit that has been fixed for compensation for stock in trade, merchandise etc., it will create hardship for which there is no justification. The only fair, proper and just course is and should be a full and cent per cent. compensation to all those who have suffered, whether their property was insured or uninsured. It cannot be believed that the intention on the part of the Government for the discrimination is to make the people more insurance-minded in the future, for this misfortune should hardly be made the occasion for any such propaganda.

I hope that the Government will soon take effective steps for the prevention of such a disaster in the future and will also evolve a proper and workable scheme whereby people can cover their losses against such risks, should God forbid, such a contingency arise in future.

I cannot conclude without expressing the grateful thanks of the commercial community to His Excellency the Viceroy and His Excellency the Governor of Bombay for their sympathy."

Mayor On Compensation Plans

Interviewed by our representative as to the Government 'communique' about compensation Mr. Nagindas T. Master, Mayor of Bombay, said that the compensation decided upon did not fully meet the peculiar circumstances of this unusual and unprecedented disaster. He referred, as one instance for that, to the distinction made between the case of those that had insured and those that had not insured. This distinction, he felt, was unjust, and when, on the figures indicated such a distinction was calculated to make a difference only of Rs. 75,00,000 a very small amount compared to the vastness of the loss—it was only to be regretted that such a distinction was at all made. If the idea behind this distinction was to make people insurance minded, surely this disaster and the misfortunes of the people—for which they were in no sense responsible—should not have been made the starting point for inculcating insurance mindedness and such education should have been left to more normal times.

Asked about the limits as to amounts to be paid for compensation in the case of uninsured property, he said he was considering the same, but the same at first time appeared to him rather very narrow. The people had suffered and they did deserve a more proper consideration.

Questioned further he observed that having regard to the various and conflicting interests involved and the complicated nature of the different issues that had arisen, the Government of India could be said to have acted without any undue delay. The decision, as evidence of sympathy with the sufferers and as a gesture of a real desire to help was to be appreciated, but should have gone further and should have been more liberal. He had observed that there was a feeling of great disappointment at the exclusion of claims for destruction of cash and jewellery and ornaments. These are usually never insured, and in the case of the middle class who are the greatest sufferers in this disaster, small cash and jewellery are the only thing they rely on. The cases of those having cash not as part of investment or hoarding, but small accumulations and jewellery which have been destroyed, deserve better consideration.

He said he would not say any further at present, particularly, because he was informed that the mercantile associations of Mandvi were going to meet him.

SAVARKAR STILL AT IT

Vehement Opposition To Kasturba Fund

BOMBAY, June 1.

Mr. V. D. Savarkar has issued another statement addressing Hindu Sangathanists not to contribute a single pie to the Kasturba Memorial Fund.

"Even though", says Mr. Savarkar, "the fund is spent entirely for the benefit of women and children a considerable part of it, even for the demonstrative purpose of showing how Hindu and Muslim women and children are equally nursed under the Congressite wings, must flow in the Moslem pockets, just as it happened in the 'Famine relief' days in Bengal."

"My second objection against the Kasturba Fund is still more fundamental. The fund is bound to be spent under the dictation of Gandhiji whatever number of committees might be appointed, under the false label of a national fund. Gandhiji's ideas and methods are well-known and could be judged inspite of many a parrot-like biblical phrase used in his appeals by the fruit yielded by his several Ashrams and Sanghas. The branches whether of the Harijan Sangh, Khadi Bhandar or Gram-Seva Sangh all tended ultimately into pseudo-nationalistic Congressite centres, which proved chief agencies to capture votes in Congressite elections.

SAVARKAR DENIES PRESS REPORT

Mr. V. D. Savarkar has issued a statement contradicting a News Agency report that he sent special instructions to the Sind Hindu Sabha regarding the electorate controversy. He says that he leaves it to the discretion of the Sind Provincial Hindu Sabha to back up whichever electorate—joint or separate—that contributes to Hindu strength.—United Press.

KARNATAK SOCIAL WORKERS CONDEMN TATA-BIRLA PLAN.

DHARWAR, June 1.

What is described as a conference of social workers of Karnatak province met here during the last two days. Mr. V. A. Naik of Belgaum presided and Mr. Mahajani, Secretary of the Maharashtra Provincial Radical Democratic Party, inaugurated the conference.

The Conference accepted the principles and the programme of the Radical Democratic Party and recommended to the social workers to join the party or any other party which accepted those principles. By another resolution, the conference condemned the Tata Birla Plan of industrialisation of India, known as the "Bombay Plan" and approved of the plan sponsored by the Indian Federation of Labour known as the "people's plan".

The Conference appointed a standing committee with Mr. V. A. Naik as Chairman and Messrs. N. B. Hiremath and D. V. Chittal as secretaries to carry on the work in the province on these lines.—A. P.

Kashmir Talks Fail

SRINAGAR, May 30: It is learnt that the talk between the leaders of Muslim and National Conferences with Mr. Jinnah as an arbitrator have not fructified. Muslim Conference leaders wanted dissolution of both the parties and establishment of a new one, but the national conference leaders wanted that the party which have lost number of elections should wind up itself.—O. P.

Bihar Kisan Leader Released

(From Our Correspondent.)

RAMNAGAR (Champaran), June 1.

Mahanth Dhanrajpuri a prominent Kisan leader of Bihar province who has been released unconditionally from Central Jail, Hazaribagh. He arrived here to-day. He was detained in jail since August 1943.

MINISTER'S WIFE KILLED

Loaded Revolver Goes Off

KARACHI, June 1.

A tragic accident occurred at the residence of Pir Elahi Bux, Minister of Education, here this afternoon when Mrs. Pir Elahi Bux was accidentally shot dead, while putting away her husband's loaded revolver in his trunk.

It appears that Mrs. Elahi Bux on her return to Karachi from her village was rearranging her husband's clothes in a steel trunk, when she came upon her husband's revolver. Without realising that it was loaded, she lifted it by the wrong end and was placing it aside, when it suddenly went off, killing Mrs. Elahi Bux almost immediately.

Pir Elahi Bux who was at the Secretariat on receiving news of the accident immediately rushed to his wife's side. Later, the Premier and other Ministers paid condolence visits at the Pir's residence.—A. P.

ANOTHER PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY RESIGNS

CALCUTTA, June 1: Mr. Jatindranath Chukerbutty, M.L.A. (Bengal), has tendered to the Chief Minister the resignation of his office of Parliamentary Secretary to the Government of Bengal as well as his membership of the Ministerialist Coalition Party.

The resignation has been sent in on the issue of the Bengal Secondary Education Bill. In his letter to the Chief Minister, Mr. Chukerbutty says that "after the most careful consideration I have come to the conclusion that it is no longer possible for me to support your Ministry in view of the feeling prevailing in the Hindu community against the Secondary Education Bill."

It may be recalled that Mr. Atul Chandra Kumar, another Parliamentary Secretary to the Bengal Government, resigned his office recently. The immediate issue on which his resignation was tendered was also the Secondary Education Bill.—A. P.

Flying Cross Award To Arjun Singh

NEW DELHI, June 1.

It is announced that His Majesty the King has approved the immediate award of the distinguished flying Cross to S/L Dr. Arjan Singh, Indian Air Force, says a press note.

It is interesting to note that the squadron's flying personnel is 100 per cent Indian and S/L Dr. Arjan Singh is the fourth Indian officer to win the distinguished Flying Cross.—A. P.

"Nagpur Times'" Appeal Against Conviction

NAGPUR, June 1: The "Nagpur Times" management paid to-day the fine of Rs. 300 to the Court on behalf of Mr. M. J. Kanetkar, who was jailed on May 30, following his refusal to pay the fine in the case in which four members of the "Nagpur Times" staff were convicted for publication of their Jubbulpore correspondent's report. The paper's management are filing an appeal against the sentences of fines against the remaining three accused in the case, namely R. P. Dube, publisher; I. S. Parihar, Sub-Editor; H. C. Narad, the Jubbulpore correspondent.—A. P.

Move To Hold Andhra Journalists' Conference

RAJAHMUNDRY, May 31.—A reception Committee, in connection with the forthcoming Andhra Provincial Journalists' Conference has been formed. At its first meeting yesterday, the Committee decided to hold the third Anhdra Provincial Journalists Conference at Rajahmundry on June 25. Mr. K. Rama Rao will preside over the Conference.—A. P.

SCINDIAS AND THEIR OFFICERS

Dufferin Cadets' Association's Reply To Walchand

We have received the following statement from the Committee of the Dufferin Old Cadets' Association:—

"We have read the interview given by Mr. Walchand Hirachand to your representative on the question of non-release of 4 officers of the Scindia Steam Navigation Company Limited to serve as Pilots in the Bombay Port Trust.

It is to be regretted that the interview does not contain a correct statement of facts, and is also otherwise misleading.

Mr. Walchand claims fair treatment of this company's staff and the services rendered by the Company to the Navy and the Essential Services by stating that 20 per cent of the company's executive officers have been released. Even if this be correct, the company's fleets has by reason of commandeering and other causes been reduced by 33 1/3 per cent of its pre-war strength. This fact by itself should leave a surplus of officers, apart from other able hands becoming obtainable from among the ranks of Cadets who have passed out, obtained their certificates, and become fully eligible to serve as officers, during this period. It is, therefore, hardly convincing that the company cannot to-day release 4 of its officers to serve in the remunerative posts of Pilot Officers.

The present strength of officers is really twice the number required either by law or a sound maritime practice referred to by Mr Walchand of having 4 officers in each ship It may be true, as Mr. Walchand says, that there are 62 officers serving on 16 ships to-day. But there is a total number of 123 officers on the company's staff, 46 of whom hold Master's certificate, 30 Mates and 2nd Mate's certificates and about 20 more holding Home Trade Tickets. There are besides 27 uncertified apprentice officers, fully capable of serving as 3rd Mates, as they have had 3 years training on the Dufferin and from 6 months to 3 years of sea service.

In the matter of promotions and prospects, Mr. Walchand states that the officers of his company, though they hold Masters certificates, have not sufficient sea experience to be entrusted with the charge of a ship. He says "You will realize that the mere obtaining of a Master's ticket does not qualify an officer to be the Captain of a ship. Experience and work at sea for a fairly long period are essential for this purpose." However justifiable this general observation may appear to be, the question still arises whether about 11 of the officers in Scindia's employ, who hold Master's certificates, and have 9 years of sea service to their credit besides 3 years' training on the "Dufferin" are not qualified to be entrusted with the command of a coastal cargo vessel of less than 5,000 tons, at the age of 32? The answer to this question will have to be made in the light of the fact that Captain R. R. Memmery, Captain Lewis and Captain MacWilliams were given command of Scindia's ship at a much younger age and with much less sea experience than those Indian officers who have been denied opportunities by the Scindias. Captain Memmery was given command of a Scindia ship at the early age of 24 with less than 6 years' experience as an officer. This should suffice to show the Company's solicitude for the promotion and prospects of its Indian officers.

In support of Scindias, Mr. Walchand says: "The company has not recruited a single fresh officer from abroad for the last 5 years." Would it be possible for the over-staffed Scindia company to find the services of a British or a foreign officer during the war period, to which he refers, when vast maritime operations are conducted, at great hazards and with losses?

It is also not true that the company has encouraged its officers to join the Royal Indian Navy which protects Scindia's ships. Officers who have joined the R.I.N. and other Port Services have done so, in most cases, in the face of bitter opposition from the company.

That the premier Indian shipping house should have to be criticized in the matter of its treatment of its Indian officers is, indeed, painful. But, if Indian shipping is to grow and fill its vital place for the progress, prosperity and defence of the country, our Indian officers must be entrusted with positions of responsibility, to serve their country in the time of need, and allow to avail themselves of every opportunity to fulfil the highest prospects which open out before them by reason of their talent and training. It is hoped that the release of 4 officers for the vacant posts of Bombay Port Trust Pilots will be a first step in the direction of drawing some of our best men towards responsible sea careers.

Roosevelt Says Invasion Will Start In June, July Or August

WASHINGTON, May 30.

President Roosevelt told the press that the Allies will begin the liberation of Europe sometime during the summer months of June, July or August, and also said that he has a post-war programme for a world security organisation to prevent other wars. Following is a summary of Mr. Roosevelt's remarks:

He said that we are putting up the first-draft post-war plan with definite methods for carrying it out. When the draft is prepared we will call in the other nations. The President said that conditions in 1944 are far different from those in 1919, so the pattern of organisation would differ from the League of Nations.

He said that to-day we have the aim of joining the other United Nations of the world for worldwide peace by setting up the necessary machinery without taking away the independence or integrity of the United States. He said that the organisation would be prepared to take action if any nation or group of nations should start trouble.

The President emphasised that both he and Secretary Hull and, he thought, also the Senate, are regarding this in a spirit of non-partisanship, as well as the 135,000,000 Americans and the many small and larger nations who are directly involved.

He repeated that the programme for a security organisation, which is now in the first stage, was a working organisation and not a group of points (like former President Wilson's Fourteen Points), and said that when he talked about the invasion of Europe sometime this summer he was not referring to the period between June 21st and September 21st but meant during the summer months of June, July and August.—U.S.O.I.

NEW DELHI, May 30.—An informal meeting of members of the proposed Working Committee of the All-India Muslim Majlis will be held at Meerut on June 6 and 7 to chalk out the programme of next year.—United Press.

TÊTE-À-TÊTE

WITHOUT COMMENT—

Sir Firoz Khan Noon and myself were invited to attend the meetings (of the Empire Conference) when subjects of interest to India were under discussion. We did so. We made our contribution and learned much. We felt ourselves to be not on the edge but a part of the Conference.

—The Maharaja of Kashmir.

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American commentators allege that Mr. Churchill's speeches frequently change the character of war.

Mr. Churchill is quite in order. For what else are the developments in the war situation since 1940 for; and what else is the British Premier fighting for?

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A tourist M. P. has reported to the Royal Empire Society that natives—sorry, "British subjects in the West Indies"—are worried lest they, too, be included in the bases lent to America for 99 years.

We hope the members of that Imperial Society felt profoundly gratified that British subjection—sorry, again, British subject-hood has already blessed the West Indians with an intelligent understanding of Lease-Lend, sovereignty and the comparative points of British and American -er-democracies.

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"We", the M. P. further reported, "assured them that British subjects were not for sale, transfer or barter".

But, of course, to be carefully preserved.

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In the opinion of Dr. K. M. Ashraf "real and stable unity is possible only on the basis of recognition of political realities."

Which, of course, keep changing with dialectical analyticalities.

(Printer: Is the expression "economic realities" or political realities"?

Answer: It's certainly "political"—now.)

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According to our correspondent, people in Lahore are wondering as to "what will be the next step after the Punjab Premier's expulsion from the League....."

What will not be the next step is a second front launched by Mr. M. A. Jinnah. This exclusion, however, doesn't include Mosquito raids from the air.

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The statement of the Muslim League Committee of Action on the expulsion of Malik. Khizr Hayat is regarded by a Punjab M.L.A. as "an obvious attempt at face-saving".

Against which our prize howling Junior Colleague irreverently argues that since the face has yet to be territorially defined, obviously no attempt can be made to save it.

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague, On The Eve Of His Temporary (?) Retirement)

(1) *While Madame Chiang was in Moscow, Marshal Chiang took the opportunity of flying down from Chungking to Juhu but, on instructions from Mrs. Naidu, the press referred to him only as a distinguished Chinese autograph-hunter.*

(2) *The Junior Colleague has been offered the job of the Leader of the National War Front in place of Mr. Griffiths who is willing to join the "Chronicle" as an apprentice with a view to learning journalism.*

Dalal's Appointment Indicates Official Confidence In Bombay Plan

NEW DELHI, May 31.

The Committee of Post-War Planing recently published a report on the progress of reconstruction planning hitherto achieved and on line of future advancement. As a signatory to the Bombay Plan, Sir Ardeshir Dalal the new member of the Executive Council has had an opportunity to meet members of the Viceroys Executive Council and permanent officials and know their reaction to the Plan. His acceptance of membership at this stage is taken as an indication of confidence that the immense scale of the Bombay plan and the more limited official conceptions are reconcilable and that a scheme embodying the best of both sets of ideas can be evolved and worked.—A. P.

Brendan Bracken Defends Churchill

LONDON, May 31.

Mr. Brendan Bracken, the British Minister of Information, to-day defended the Prime Minister, Mr. Churchill against criticism following his reference to Spain in the House of Commons speech last Wednesday.

Mr. Bracken told Reuter's political correspondent that the critics had forgotten what Mr. Churchill said in the Commons on October 8, 1940. In those darkest days in British history the Premier's remarks differed in no way from the things he said in the house last week Mr Bracken declared that the Premier's view had been completely consistent; he said that he had not changed his mind since 1940 and he abided by the remarks he then made. 'I should be very surprised", he added "if politicians in England or any other part of the world had forgotten the relevant extract from Mr. Churchill's 1940 speech in which the Premier said. "We have always wished well to the Spanish people and in a glorious period of our history we stood between the Spaniards and foreign domination.

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As in the days of the Peninsular War, British interests and policy are based on the independence and unity of Spain and we look forward to seeing her take her rightful place both as a great Mediterranean power and as a leading and famous member of the family of Europe and Christendom which though now sauntered by quarrels and under the obsession of grievous tyrannies constitutes the goal towards which we are marching and will march across battlefields of land sea and air."—Reuter.

CALCUTTA, June 1: On May 31, there were 18 admissions and three deaths of sick destitutes in a Calcutta hospital.

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CITY MARKETS

Bombay, June 1.

SHARES:—The local Share Bazar was fairly steady with moderate buying. Tata Steel Dfd. Shares opened at Rs. 2237 and advanced to Rs. 2253 while Ordinary Shares opened at Rs. 415 and improved to Rs. 419. There was better enquiry for cotton Mill Shares. Bombay Dyeing opened at Rs. 1915 and improved to Rs. 1925 Kohinoor Mill Shares opened at Rs. 646 and quoted at Rs. 648 Indore Shares opened at Rs. 880 and improved to Rs. 895. In the Miscellaneous Section, there was increased activity where Scindia Shares moved up to Rs. 36/10. Tone was good with increased business.

ACTIVE SHARES AT A GLANCE

Bombay, June 1.

T S Ord (415) 416 15 17 19 18 18/8 20 19 20 19/8 19

T S Dfd (2227/8) 2237 25 37 25 50 45 52/8 47/8 46/4 50 46/4 56/4 47/8 55 60 57 58/12

Dyeing (1910) 1915 12 17 26 32/8 30 22/8 25 28/12 23/12 25 27/8 25

Century (880) 897 920 10

Kohinoor (646) 647 44 46 49 46 47

Swadesh (559) 560 57 62 61 59 61 60

Nagpur (426/8) 427 25 27 25/8 27 26 27 26/8

Simplex (255/8) 257 57/8 56/8 57 58 57 56

New Great (387/8) 388 87/8 90 85 89/8 92 89 90

Indore (845 870 900 885 97 910 35 30 28 900

Scindia (35/10) 36/2 37 36/12 36/9 36/10

Cement (237/8) 238 37/8 37/12 37/8 37

BULLION:—On Wednesday London was unchanged at £8-8-0. Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York. London Spot and forward Silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d and New York Spot Silver was quoted at 44-3/4 cents. There was fresh outburst of bullish enthusiasm in the local market and under active and aggressive buying forward silver advance to Rs. 134 and later steadied at Rs. 133/8 while ready was quoted at a premium of rupee one at Rs. 134/8. Gold also improved to Rs. 74/8 and later steadied at Rs. 74/6. It appears that short interest is being covered up and there was scarcity of offerings.

All reports about syndicate are found without foundation but as pointed out before the penalty for non-delivery is inducing all shorts to cover. The recent covering is weakening the technical situation and we doubt any possibility of a marked rise in the price of Silver which steadied at Rs. 134. The market was very steady. Closing quotations: Ready Silver Rs. 135 Forward Rs. 134/4. Gold Ready Rs. 74/8 Forward Rs. 74/8. Sovereigns Rs. 51/4.

COTTON:—The local cotton market remains depressed and even at present low prices which are on the pre-war level, investor is not inclined to support the market. Thus the present depression which is abnormal needs careful attention of all concerned parties. The Government is buying Jarilla at Rs. 410 in Bombay and this class of cotton is available at considerably low price in interior markets. The whole problem needs immediate attention as it is now amply proved that without effective co-operation of the trade it is impossible to attain fair price for raw cotton. The present stock is mostly made up of unwanted short staple and it is necessary that effective steps must be taken to stop the grow of unwanted cotton and with a view to encourage growers to secure reasonable price for long staple cotton upward revision of fixed prices is essential. In the next few weeks, the new crop will be planted and then it will be too late to have desired effect of any important change in the general policy. The local market opened today at Rs. 428 for July delivery and declined to Rs. 426/4 under tired liquidation and moderate selling.

There was steady liquidation on an unwilling market and July declined to Rs. 424. The market closed at 6 p m as under:—

I C C July	424	0	0
I C C September	437	8	0

COTTON ARRIVALS:—Khandesh 461 Central India 602, Berar 737, Dholeras 555, Broach 3714, Compta 849, Egyptian 97. Total 7015 Bales.

PRODUCE:—The market was dull. Grouundnuts Rs. 74, Khandesh quality Rs. 78, Madras Rs. 76, Bombay delivery Rs. 14/12, Khandesh quality Rs. 15/10 and Goa delivery Rs. 15/11. Castorseeds Bombay Rs. 16, Navlakhi delivery Rs. 15/10 and Goa delivery Rs. 15/12. Linseed Ready Rs. 16, Small Rs. 15/4. Wagon condition Rs. 13 and Small Seed Rs. 12 very small business passing.

HIGH & LOW COTTON PRICES

Bombay, May 31.

July High 430 Low 426/8 Close 428/4 September High 441/8 Low 439 Close 440/4

COTTON PARITY:—Indian Cotton July Contract is below New York July 449 cent points at Exchange rate 331.

COTTON ROOM RATES

Bombay, June 1.

Jarilla Extra Spr-fine 435 Sup 425 Fine 415 F Good 405

Broach Extra Spr-fine 431 Sup 426 Fine 421 F Good 416

Surti Extra Spr-fine 500 Sup 555 Fine 550 F Good 545

4 F Pun/American Extra Spr-fine 470 Sup 465 Fine 460 F Good 455

L S S Pun/American Extra Spr-fine 505 Sup 500 Fine 495 F Good 490

289 F Pun/American Extra Spr-fine 560 Sup 555 Fine 550 F Good 545

Saw-Gd 4 F Extra Spr-fine 500 Sup 495 Fine 490 F Good 485

Saw-Gd L S S Extra Spr-fine 550 Sup 545 Fine 540 F Good 435

Saw-Gd 289 F Extra Spr-fine 600 Sup 605 Fine 600 F Good 595

M G N T Extra Spr-fine 500 Sup 495 Fine 490 F Good 485

Saw-Gd N T Sid/Ame Extra Spr-fine 540 Sup 535 Fine 530 F Good 525

READY COTTON QUOTATIONS

Bombay, June 1.

Khandesh Jarilla New 290/365
Berar Jarilla New 370/390
289 F Jarilla New 515/550
N T Jarilla New 460/480
289 F Saw-ginned New 590/615

CALICUT QUOTATIONS

Calicut, June 1.

Cocoanuts Raw 65, Dry 75, Cocoanut Oil 288, Copra Office 165, Dilipasand 195, Madras Nottam 220, Pepper Wyanad 345, Country 340, Dryginger Cherad 260 Ernad 240, Coffee Robusta 114.

BHATINDA QUOTATIONS

Bhatinda, June 1.

Opening Silver Ready 133/8, Jeth 132/14, Asarh 130/8, Gold Ready 74/4 Jeth 74/6, Asarh 74/12, Bajra Ready 6 Poh 8/2/9, Rice Asarh 13/2/9 Mangsar 12/10. Silver Gold market high.

HAPUR QUOTATIONS

Hapur, June 1.

Wheat control rate reduced to 10 old wheat control rate reduced to 10 old wheat sales suspended arrivals 500 mds Stock 50 Khattis Gram 8/6/9 Barley 6/15/3 Peas 7/12 Arhar 7/12 Stocks Peas 123 Barley 22 Arhar 90 Khattis Gur 4 Fine 5 arrivals 2000 mds extremely unsteady on unusually heavy arrivals poor demand Urad Asar 11/6/3 Maha 11/12/1-1/2 Moong Jeth 9/6/6 Bhadon 9/12/6 Maha 10/12/6 Bargana Jeth 55/2 Asuj 56 Guwar Jeth 6/8//6 Bhadon 6/13/9 futures steady since yesterday on good speculation interest

BENGAL TREASURY BILLS.

Tenders for Rs. 5,50,00,000—(Rupees five crores fifty lakhs only) of three months' Government of Bengal Treasury Bills were opened on Thursday the 1st June. Total amount offered was Rs. 7,93,00,000 (Rupees seven crores ninety-three lakhs only).

Tenders at Rs. 99-14-3 were accepted in full and those at Rs. 99-14-0 allotted approximately 64 p c. Total amount accepted was Rs. 5,50,00,000 (Rupees five crores fifty lakhs only) the average rate of accepted tenders being Re. 0-7-9 per cent per annum.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

Bombay, June 1.

Cotton rallied on aggressive mill price fixing and commission house buying disclosing scarcity of offerings. The advance was also aided by short covering after the failure of the market to sell off materially on the Administration's opposition to the Bankhead amendment which would raise textile ceilings. The session closed very steady.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, May 31.

July 21.00+16, October 20.34+14, December 20.09+13, January 20.03.+13, March 19.86+10, May 19.69+13, Middling Spot 21.96+17

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

July 21.15+18, October 20.34+15, December 20.10+14, January 20.00+13: March 29.89+13, May 19.69+12 Middling Spot 21.10+15

NEW YORK COTTON

July 20.89, October 20.25, December 20.01

July Highest 11-00+16 (2-55 p.m.)
Lowest 20.81-03 (10-9 a.m.)

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 26th May, 1944

LIABILITIES		Rs.
CAPITAL:		5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund		5,85,00,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and others Accounts		224,25,21,000
Sundries		1,63,92,000
Rupees		237,36,63,000
ASSETS	Rs	Rs.
INVESTMENTS:—		
Government Securities	118,54,18,000	
Other Authorised Investments	3,00,69,000	
ADVANCES:—		
Loans	17,10,43,000	
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	42,16,15,000	
Bills Discounted and Purchased	4,12,22,000	
Dead Stock		1,71,30,000
Sundries		1,37,06,000
CASH:—		
In hand and with Reserve Bank of India	48,39,12,000	
Balances with other Banks	95,48,000	
Rupees		237,36,63,000

Bombay Dept: MANGALDAS MARKET.

The Half-Column By "Dim"

There is no truth in the rumour that in celebration of the appointment of Sir Ardeser Dalal to the Viceroy's Executive Council, a Union Jack was seen fluttering over Bombay House yesterday. Said the Chairman of Tatas, according to a report emanating from UNRELIABLE sources: "If any flag flies over this building, it will be the flag of India's freedom."

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According to another UNRELIABLE source Lord Wavell has wired Mr. J. R. D. Tata as follows: "In view of acute shortage of directors in your establishment am willing release Ambedkar or recall Noon with view lending their services to Tatas." J. R. D. wired back as follows: "The sharemarket wouldn't stand the crash."

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Brief Life Sketch of Sir A. R. Dalal: "Born 1884. Educated Elphinstone College, St. John's (Cambridge) and Tatas. Recreations: Pipes and H. P. Mody.

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Interviewed by another UNRELIABLE correspondent of the Half Column, a spokesman of the Parsi Panchayat is alleged to have said: "Even the King is pleased to approve of our Sir Ardeser's appointment."

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Lord Wavell, according to the same source, has nominated August 1st as a day of National Thanksgiving to Tatas. The service will only be relayed by All-India Radio.

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FAMOUS LAST WORDS.

The Editor of "FORTUNE": "Say, I guess this House of Tatas is just another Government Dak Bungalow."

U-BOAT STOPS PORTUGUESE REFUGEE SHIP

Passengers Spend Nine Hours In Life Boats Before Permitted To Re-embark On Vessel

PHILADELPHIA, May 31.

A German submarine stopped the Portuguese Liner 'Serpa Pinto' carrying refugees when she was in mid-ocean on May 26, it is announced here today.

Two American citizens were taken prisoners by the U-boat. According to Naval Officials here the Germans threatened to torpedo the ship.

The submarine crew removed all the 385 passengers and members of the crew from the vessel but later permitted them to re-board. Only after the refugees Europeans bound for Canada had spent nine hours in lifeboats were they permitted to re-embark. Three persons including a 16-month old baby lost their lives during the transfer between the liner and the lifeboats.

An official announcement says the ship was stopped by gun-fire at midnight.

"Serpa Pinto" is well-known as a refugee ship. A vessel of 8,267 tons, she has been crossing the Atlantic since early in the war. In 1941 the British ordered her into Bermuda and instituted a three-day search for German nationals.

LIBERTY SHIP GROUNDED SAN FRANCISCO:

A Liberty Ship with 1,000 passengers on board grounded early to-day on Farallon Islands, according to a Navy Department 'communique' issued here.

Hundreds of peoples jumped into the water in life-jackets. Others scrambled onto rafts. They are being rescued by destroyers. No reports have yet been received of any casualties. Two hundred persons who have been rescued have been landed here.

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PERSONS who have suffered loss or damage to goods and property covered by policies of Marine Insurance are advised to give notice forthwith to the respective Insurers or their Agents, whereupon arrangements for survey and assessment of loss will be made, unless this has already been done. The adjustment of claims will be greatly facilitated and expedited by the claimant completing the form of questionnaire as under:—

IN THE CASE OF IMPORT CARGO

(1) Name of Steamer by which your interest came forward to Bombay.
(2) Berth at which cargo discharged and date (if any)
(3) Reason for delay in clearing goods.
(4) Location of goods on 14/4/44.
(5) If final destination up-country, please state:—
 (a) Steps taken for transport of goods to final destination with documentary evidence. If to be transported by rail and booking has been closed, a certificate to that effect from the Railways will be required.
 (b) Date removed from Docks
 (c) Where stored after removal.
 (d) Where delay in removal has occurred, what steps (if any) have been taken to extend Marine Policy to cover after discharge and what fire insurances exist covering the goods?
(6) Marks, Numbers and Description of goods.
(7) Name of Shippers.
(8) Name and address of Consignees.
(9) Name and address of Clearing Agents.
(10) Whether delivery order issued by Agents of Steamship Company.
(11) Whether part delivery had been effected, if so, full particulars required.
(12) Whether Customs Duty paid.
(13) Whether Survey held by Steamship Company, if so, on what date.

IN THE CASE OF EXPORT CARGO

(1) Name of Steamer.
(2) Loading Berth. Date of removal to the Docks.
(3) Location of Goods on the 14th April, 1944.
(4) Marks, Numbers and Description of Goods.
(5) Name of Shippers.
(6) Name of Consignees.
(7) Name of Clearing Agents.
(8) Has Shipping Bill been lodged with Steamship Company?
(9) Has Bill of Lading been issued?
(10) What other evidence have you to substantiate your Claim?

In addition to the completed questionnaire, the following documents will be required IN ALL CASES:—

(1) The Marine Risk Policy or certificate duly stamped and endorsed.
(2) The original Marine War Risk Policy or certificate duly stamped and endorsed.
(3) A complete set of Invoices covering the entire shipment insured under the policy.
(4) A complete set of Bills of Lading, or failing their production, information as to their disposal. (Where Bills of Lading have been surrendered in exchange for delivery orders, the corresponding delivery orders should be produced.
(5) Evidence of payment of Customs Duty, where paid.
(6) Where Surveys have already been held, the original Survey Report and receipted account for survey.
(7) Any other documents establishing the loss or damage sustained.

The foregoing is for the general guidance of claimants, but Insurers reserve the right to call for such additional documents or information as they may require.

J. W. T. LEITH, C. A.,
Secretary,
Bombay Underwriters' Association
Bombay, 1st June, 1944. 9023

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from non-Muslim candidates to fill a temporary post of an Entomologist in the Bengal Lower Agricultural Service. Pay—Rs. 150-650. Age—ordinarily not more than 25. Qualifications—must possess an M.Sc. degree in Zoology and post graduate training in Agricultural Entomology at the Imperial Agricultural Research Institute, preference being given to candidates who have gained the degree of Agriculture with distinction from the Bengal Agricultural Institute, Dacca. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 15th June, 1944. (9029)

PUBLIC NOTICES.

SECRETARY, PUNJAB & N.W. F.P. JOINT PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, LAHORE.

INVITES APPLICATIONS, from British subjects, Muslims only, (Punjabis preferred), NOT LATER THAN THE 26TH JUNE, 1944, on prescribed form (obtainable free) accompanied by treasury or M.O. receipt for Rs. 5/-, for a permanent (to be filled on temporary basis) post of INSPECTOR OF BOILERS, PUNJAB. Pay: Rs. 200-600 p.m. Age: Below 35 years, relaxable—(i) in favour of Govt. servants, and (ii) up to 5 years in favour of experienced applicants. Qualifications: (i) A degree in Mechanical or Marine Engineering of a recognised Indian or British University, or a Diploma in Mechanical Engineering from a recognized Institute or College; (ii) A certificate of competency as a First Class Engineer under the Indian Boilers Act, 1923, or a First Class Marine Engineers' certificate issued by the Board of Trade; (iii) At least 5 years' experience in a responsible position on steam boilers and engines (maintenance and repair); and (iv) experience on fuel and feed water analysis and tests desirable. Govt. servants eligible. Further particulars on application. (9024)

NOTICE

THE BRITISH BURMAH PETROLEUM CO., LTD.

(Incorporated in England)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Share Certificate No. 83438 for 250 shares, bearing distinctive Nos. 2110059 to 2110308 Shirinbai Kaikhushroo A. Kooka is reported lost. All persons having any lien, claim or interest in the same are requested to inform the Company within fifteen days from date after which the Company will issue duplicate Certificate for the said 250 shares.

LOCAL SECRETARY.
Parsi Bazar Street, Fort,
Bombay. (9027)

THE VICTORIA MILLS, LIMITED, BOMBAY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that time for application for consolidation of three Fractional Certificates into one Ordinary Share which expires on the 31-5-1944 according to the Fractional Certificate issued to the Shareholders, is extended upto 31st August 1944 by the Directors.

Dated this 1st June, 1944.
For The Victoria Mills, Ltd
MANGALDAS MEHTA & CO.,
Secretaries, Treasurers & Agents. 9040

LEGAL NOTICES

IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

ORDINARY ORIGINAL CIVIL JURISDICTION

Suit No. 546 of 1944.

ELISHEBABAI, widow of Aaron Benjamin Kandlekar, the Executrix of the last Will and Testament of Aaron Benjamin Kandlekar. .. Plaintiff.

vs.

SIMON JACOB KHARILKAR, Hon. Secretary of the Jamat of Tiphaereth Israel Synagogue, Bombay, on behalf of himself and all the other members of the Jamat. .. Defendant.

To,
The members of the Tiphaereth Israel Synagogue Jamat.

PURSUANT TO THE ORDER made by the Honourable Mr. Justice Coyajee, on the 2nd day of May, 1944, notice is hereby given under Order 1, Rule 8 of the Code of Civil Procedure that the plaintiff abovenamed has filed the above suit against the abovenamed defendant on behalf of himself and all other members of the Tiphaereth Israel Synagogue Jamat of which he is Secretary praying for the following reliefs:-

(a) For a declaration that the plaintiff is entitled to be paid out of assets funds and properties of the said Jamat the sum of Rs. 18,474-10-11 with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum on Rs. 14,452-7-4 from the 1st day of December, 1943, till judgment costs of the suit and interest on judgment at 6 per cent per annum till payment.
(b) That the defendant may be ordered and decreed to pay to the plaintiff to the extent of the funds the properties and all the other assets of the said Jamat the said sum of Rs. 18,474-10-11 with interest at the rate of 6 per cent per annum on Rs. 14,452-7-4 from 1st December 1943 till judgment, costs of the suit and interest on judgment at 6 per cent per annum till payment.
(c) For such further and other relief as the nature of the case may require.

AND TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the hearing of the suit has been fixed for the 13th day of June, 1944.

Dated this 29th day of May, 1944.

Seal of the High Court at Bombay

G. G. MAHADEVIA
for Prothonotary & Senior Master.

K. N. DAJI.

This 29th day of May, 1944.
Messrs. ALIMAHOMED MERCHANT & CO.,
Plaintiff's Attorneys. (9017)

PUBLIC NOTICES.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, BENGAL.

APPLICATIONS ARE INVITED from candidates to fill a post of Electric Inspector, Bengal, in the Bengal General Service. Pay—250-500 with a motor car allowance of Rs. 80/- per mensem. Age—between 25 and 35. Qualifications—a thorough technical education and at least five years' practical experience. Full details may be obtained from the Secretary, Public Service Commission, Bengal, Darjeeling, personally or ON SENDING AN ADDRESSED ENVELOPE WITH A NINE PIES STAMP. Last date for receipt of applications on prescribed form, together with treasury receipt for Rs. 5, 18th June, 1944. (9030)

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that RUSTOM KHODABAX RUSTOM AND BAI SHIRINBAI RUSTOM, of Bombay, have contracted to sell the undermentioned property to our clients. All persons having any claim against or to the said property are hereby required to make the same known in writing to the undersigned at their office, situate at Sailor Building, 373, Hornby Road, Fort, Bombay, within 14 days from the date hereof, otherwise the sale will be completed without reference to such claim and the same, if any, will be considered as waived.

DESCRIPTION OF THE PROPERTY

ALL that piece or parcel of leasehold land, admeasuring 597.5/9 square yards or thereabouts and registered in the Books of the Collector of Bombay under Rent Roll No. 1306 and bearing Cadastral Survey No. 17/384 (Colaba Division) together with the tenements or building standing thereon known as "Gold Finch" and assessed by the Municipality of Bombay under Ward No. 555 (IFF) and Street No. 8, situate on the North of Arthur Bunder Road in the City and Registration District of Bombay and bounded, on East by land belonging to the Trustees of the Port of Bombay and leased to Phirozshaw Shapurji Dubash, on West by land leased to Pirozshaw Bejonji Vachha, on North by land leased to Bai Navajbai Ardeshir Guzdar and others and on South by Arthur Bunder Road.

Dated this 2nd day of June, 1944.

RAMANLAL AND HIMATLAL,
Purchasers' Attorneys. (9033)

LEGAL NOTICE

THIS IS TO NOTIFY that the GENERAL POWER-OF-ATTORNEY given on 17-1-44 by the Indian National Bank, Ltd., having its head office at 8, Lyons Range, Calcutta, in favour of (1) Mr. ASOKE KUMAR SEN ROY, son of Mr. Narendra Chandra Sen Roy of P. O. and Vill. Duptara P. S. Araihazar, Dt. Dacca, and (2) Mr. AJIT KUMAR BOSE, son of late Aswini Kumar Bose of 25/1, Dinanath Sen Road, P.O. Faridabad, Dacca, Superintendent and Chief Accountant of the Bombay Branch of the said Bank respectively, has already been cancelled. The Bank shall not be held responsible for any transactions done through the said person or persons as attorneys of the Bank on and with effect from 15-5-44. Anybody dealing with the said persons as such shall do so at his or their own risk and responsibility.

(Sd.) R. ROY,
Managing Director,
Indian National Bank, Ltd. (9031)

AUCTION SALES

MENESSE & CO. will sell by public auction on TUESDAY, the 6th June 1944, at 2-30 p.m. (S.T.) at Sewree Cotton Depot, near Petrol Pump by order of the Insurance Office concerned 50 Bales Bardoli Cotton damaged by fire.

MENESSE & CO.

LEGAL NOTICES.

HIGH COURT OF BOMBAY

INSOLVENCY NO. 60 OF 1944.

Re: JUGJIVAN JAYCHAND, residing at Dadyseth Agiary Lane, till lately carrying on business in the name of Messrs. Navinchandra & Co., at Champa Gully, Bombay: .. A Debtor.

Ex parte: Messrs. VANDRAVAN CHANDULAL & CO., ...Petitioning Creditors.

On the 23rd day of May, 1944, an order was made by the High Court of Judicature at Bombay in its Insolvency Jurisdiction adjudging the abovenamed Debtor an Insolvent.

Dated this 31st day of May, 1944.

S. S. RANGNEKAR,
Insolvency Registrar. (9032)

AUCTION SALES.

BONAFIDE SALE

AUCTION SALE OF FURNITURE ETC.

M/s. BENNETT & CO. will sell by Public Auction To-day FRIDAY, 2nd June, 1944, at 11-30 A.M. (N.S.T.) at their rooms.

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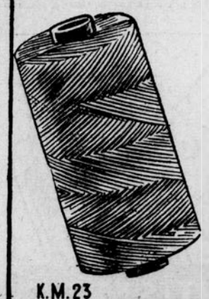

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